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Nursing crisis on Rota, Tinian

» Nurses cry foul over minimum wage of \$4.55 an hour

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial placed the CNMI under a state of emergency yesterday to suspend laws and rules and allow the reprogramming of funds to avert a nursing crisis on Rota and Tinian.

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MONEY FOR CUC

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, receives yesterday a check worth \$4 million from Marianas Public Land Trust board trustee Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero, right, days after the governor signed a law allowing MPLT to earmark and appropriate to the general fund an additional \$4 million in advance interest payment. The Fitial administration said it will use the money to pay the government's utility bills with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Also in photo are Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and MPLT staffer Bobbie Reyes.

ARRA spurs slew of construction projects

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From school roof repairs to major road expansion and grant writing projects, millions of dollars worth of contracts have so far been awarded and will soon be awarded in the CNMI, thanks to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funding since early 2009.

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CNMI ARRA Web site: <http://cnmiarra.net>

GPPC Inc., for example, bagged a \$1.57 million contract for the ARRA-funded Sadog Tasi wastewater plant rehabilitation and another \$884,800 contract for

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Public hearings tonight on proposed Saipan casinos, alien workers' status

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Two public hearings by legislative committees will be held tonight: one is on two bills proposing casino operations on Saipan, and the other is on the long-term immigration status of guest workers in the CNMI.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider's (R-Saipan) Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies will hold its third of seven public hearings on the status of

alien workers from 6pm to 9pm at Garapan Elementary School.

The first two public hearings drew opposing views from members of the community on the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation to grant long-term status to foreign workers who have been legally residing in the CNMI for at least five years.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez's (Cov-Saipan) House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, meanwhile, will hold another public hearing on two bills seeking to allow the operation of casinos on Saipan.

House Bill 17-55, introduced by House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), provides for the regulation and control of the operation of gambling enterprises on Saipan.

HB 17-56, which Tenorio also authored, provides for the establishment, regulation and control of casino gambling on Saipan.

Villagomez's committee invited Saipan Mayor Donald Flores to provide testimony, as well as other members of the public.

During the June 11 public hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, a little over 10 individuals showed up, and only some of them voiced their support for casino operations on Saipan.

Those who oppose casinos on Saipan said although there was no one who showed up at the public hearing

to voice out opposition, this does not mean that there's no opposition to these bills. They said voters already rejected the idea of legalizing casino gambling on Saipan only three years ago.

In the Nov. 3, 2007 elections, Saipan voters who voted "no" to the Saipan casino initiative outnumbered the "yes" votes, 4,721 to 3,492. The "no" to casino prevailed in all Saipan districts.

At that time, Rota voters approved an initiative to establish a casino industry on the island. One investor has so far applied for and granted a conditional license to operate a casino on Rota.

On Tinian, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has so far been in operation since 1998.



Hofschneider

Arts Council pressing ahead despite budgetary concerns

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The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture has started planning for several activities despite budget concerns.

After the council's meeting yesterday, executive director Angel Hocog told *Saipan Tribune* that lack of funding has already delayed some of CCAC's undertakings, including an art exhibit they plan to organize for local artists.

According to Hocog, the art exhibit aims to promote local artists by having their artworks displayed in a business establishment in Garapan, where tourists can see them.

Hocog said they are looking at inviting artists who participated in the 29th Flame Tree Arts Festival in April to take part in this exhibit, tentatively scheduled for the third week of this month.

Hocog said that they are planning to hold a "townhall meeting" for local artists on July 16, 5:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe

to discuss CCAC's plans and goals for them.

CCAC also aims to find out what it can do to assist artists on island.

Hocog said they are still waiting for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

He added that preparations for three of the biggest arts festival in the region have already been initiated as well.

The CCAC is planning to participate in the Guam Micronesia Fair in October and in the Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Solomon Islands in 2012. The council is also preparing for the 30th Flame Tree Arts Festival. Hocog said CCAC has already composed letters inviting neighboring islands in the Pacific to participate in Saipan's biggest arts festival.

Hocog said the council will work closely with the Legislature and solicit the support of the private sector to make the festival's 30th year a success.

For inquiries about the art exhibit or the artists' meeting, contact CCAC at 322-9982 or 83.

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PSS, NMC to be exempted in proposed austerity Fridays

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The Public School System and Northern Marianas College will be exempted from the proposed every-other-Friday government shutdown, said Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) yesterday.

"We can't give them more but we also can't give them less. PSS and NMC will be exempted because of the maintenance of effort requirement of the U.S. Department of Education. We can't go down a certain amount for funding PSS and NMC," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Basa and other lawmakers said a new austerity bill will pass this time, considering the June 18 payless payday and

continuing threat of future payless paydays due to government cash shortage.

Considering the dwindling economic condition and absent any new revenue sources, Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) said the austerity measure is one viable option that should help the CNMI government stay afloat. "There is actually no other choice but to pass an austerity bill to further avert payless payday. Thus, I hope it gets the nod of both Houses," Santos told *Saipan Tribune*.

Basa's original austerity bill early this year was shelved due to strong opposition from PSS and NMC. His second proposal to reduce work hours by one hour every day didn't get the

approval of the Senate, which instead proposed to raise taxes and fees to generate revenue. The deadlock resulted in the formation of a joint conference committee.

The conference committee is now drafting a new austerity bill that seeks to cut work hours by eight—from 80 to 72 hours per pay period. This means non-exempt government offices will be closed every other Friday to help cut government costs.

These "austerity Fridays" will cover only Fiscal Year 2010; a new austerity bill is expected for FY 2011.

Also to be exempted from the soon-to-be-revived austerity measure are agencies providing 24-hour critical services.

King offers policy reaffirming NMC's autonomy

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The Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents is expected to adopt at its next scheduled meeting a policy reaffirming the college's autonomy and separation from the affairs of the Legislature and the central government.

Saipan Tribune learned that all eight regents are now reviewing the policy recommendation, as offered by board chair Janet H. King.

The board reportedly feels the need to reaffirm NMC's autonomy due to the across-the-board budget cuts being enforced by the central government and to enable the college to comply with the accreditation requirements of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The new policy seeks reaffirm that autonomy in light of the central government and Legislature's efforts to meddle with the college's budget and fiscal affairs.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial zeroed out 12 positions for NMC and approved only 104 full-time employees for the college next fiscal year. NMC had asked for 116 positions: 97 are currently filled and 19 are vacant.

2 alleged burglars plead not guilty

Two men suspected of being responsible for a rash of burglary incidents on Saipan pleaded not guilty yesterday in separate arraignments at the Superior Court.

Jeffrey Cabrera Magofna and Julian Muña Sablan, through their respective lawyers, entered a not guilty plea to all charges.

Presiding Judge Robert Nara set the status conference for both cases on Aug. 11, 2010, and remanded the suspects to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Chief prosecutor Michael Ernest appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Michael Brown served as counsel for Magofna, while attorney Loren Sutton is defending Sablan.

Magofna, 28, was arrested on



King

Besides the drop in its allowed FTEs, NMC also expects a significant decline in its yearly allocation after the governor asked the Legislature for just \$4.7 million for NMC, a huge drop in the college's request for \$9.9 million.

At present, the college is operating on a \$4.2 million budget.

Article XV, Section 2(a), of the CNMI Constitution states that the Board of Regents shall have autonomy in the administration of the college's affairs. This constitutional mandate was confirmed several times in later years by the CNMI Legislature with the passage of laws that solidified that autonomy.

June 18 for burglary and criminal mischief.

Police spokesman Eric F. David said that Magofna was involved in the burglaries at Star Water Company in Illiyan, at Mt. Carmel Church in Susupe, Twins Super Market in Puerto Rico, and attorney Joe Hill's office in Susupe.

Police arrested Julian Sablan, 21, on June 18 for burglary, theft, and criminal mischief. A surveillance camera allegedly caught him as one of three persons who recently burglarized the Twins Super Market in Puerto Rico.

Investigators are looking into the possibility that Sablan was also involved in other burglaries on the island. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Saipan mayor to use Liberation booths as marketplace

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Saipan Mayor Donald Flores submitted yesterday a letter to the Department of Public Lands requesting for an extension of their permit for continued use of the carnival grounds

and the booths that were constructed for the Liberation Day festivities.

Flores told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the Garapan Fishing Base where the Liberation Day program took place can serve as a marketplace for those who want to buy or sell their be-

longings or merchandise.

The temporary permit granted to the Mayor's office for the Fourth of July festivities expired Monday.

According to Flores, he wrote to DPL "to request your assistance and approval for utilization of the carnival ground

as a community event venue. With your approval, we would like to leave the booths assembled to serve the purpose of concession for any fair that is farmers market, swap meet or flea market and the other community festivity."

Flores said he wants to utilize

the carnival grounds as a "business franchise stand." The proposal aims to generate revenue for the government as well as raise funds for the celebration of Liberation Day next year.

One of his staff hand delivered the letter to DPL before the close of government of-

fices yesterday.

When asked about the financial reports on the Liberation Day celebration, Flores said they are already working on details and will have the reports ready in about 4 weeks. "We want to make sure that [everything] is accounted for," he said.

Samoa kids on fast track to obesity, says principal

APIA, Samoa (Samoa Observer/PIR)—A pre-school principal wants fast food restaurants to produce healthier food options for children.

"Some of the parents are in a rush in the morning and don't have time to make a meal so they stop at fast food restaurants and buy unhealthy meals for the kids," said Sogi pre School principal Sifala Sagaga Asi.

A quick inspection of her stu-

dents' lunches revealed that the majority of them brought fish and chips.

"We try our best to encourage the parents not to buy them but the kids still bring them anyway," she said. "I hope they will start banning them completely."

She wants to see control of the type of food offered to young children by fast food restaurants because the food now available is very unhealthy.

Her worries follow the announcement of another program underway to address the ever increasing problem of child obesity.

Principal nutritionist Christine Questec said there are no immediate plans for fast food restaurants to offer healthier food options for children.

"There are control measures for fast food restaurants that we have started looking at," she said.

However none of these mea-

sures have been put in place and principals like Ms. Asi will not only have to educate students but remind and encourage them to bring healthier lunches.

The number of Samoan children suffering from obesity is increasing.

From 1979 to 2003, the number of overweight children increased fourfold in boys and eightfold in girls, as shown by a National Health Services survey.



ERRATUM

The above photo incorrectly identified the person on the right as Delta Air Lines representative Esther Muna. The individual's correct name is Esther Sound. Our apologies.

NURSING

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Fitial declared a state of emergency due to the termination of contracts between Saipan Employment Agency and Services and the Rota and Tinian Health Centers.

The law bans the government from directly hiring foreign medical personnel on Rota and Tinian. Exempted are foreign nurses for the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan.

SEAS employs a total of 22 foreign nurses, all Filipinos, assigned to the Rota and Tinian Health Centers.

"A state of emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is declared due to the imminent threat of the disruption of critical medical services on the islands of Tinian

and Rota and the extreme, immediate threat such conditions pose to the public," Fitial said in his one-page declaration.

The governor invoked his authority to "suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions as required" and to allow for the "reprogramming of funds necessary to meet this emergency."

Partial salaries

Rota nurses interviewed yesterday by *Saipan Tribune* said that, while they welcome the government's emergency declaration so they could still continue working, they are worried that the government will not reinstate their salaries.

Rota nurses have only received partial payments of their salaries since April due to funding shortages by both SEAS and the government.

The partial payment is equiv-

alent to the CNMI's minimum wage of \$4.55 an hour.

Rota nurses used to receive from SEAS an hourly salary of \$8.93 to \$9.20 an hour.

Nurses who are directly hired by the government are paid \$16 to \$18 an hour, or more.

"Our salary has been equivalent to the lowest paid private sector employees in the CNMI because it's minimum wage. Maybe janitors are paid way more than us," one of the nurses said in a phone interview.

Another Rota nurse said that, not only have they been receiving an hourly wage of \$4.55 an hour, they also lost their medical insurance coverage.

"We are so afraid of getting sick because we don't have medical insurance anymore. It's a pity for nurses like us, and we're supposed to be taking care of sick people," the nurse said.

Tinian nurses are luckier as they continue to receive their normal salary rate despite previous delays in the release of their paychecks.

Labor violations

The CNMI Department of Labor had cited SEAS for labor violations and barred it from hiring foreign nurses and other medical personnel. SEAS appealed but was denied.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the denial would pose a severe threat to the health and welfare of the people of Tinian and Rota as existing laws prohibit the government from engaging in direct hiring of nonresident health care personnel for both Tinian and Rota health centers. The statute only provides an exemption for the CHC.

"In view of the potential dam-

ages and liabilities foreseen, Governor Fitial [on Tuesday] signed a declaration of a state of emergency to suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions as required and allow for the reprogramming of funds necessary to meet this emergency," Demapan said.

He added that the emergency declaration stays the order Labor issued, "and allows the non-resident health care personnel on Tinian and Rota to continue their contractual relationship with SEAS."

"In order to ensure that the medical needs of the people of Tinian and Rota are met, it is appropriate that we maintain status quo at this time," Fitial said in a statement.

However, the governor said "the manpower provided by SEAS shall continue until all the parties involved reach a so-

lution that will not compromise the daily health care needs of the community."

Since late last year, SEAS has not been paying its nurses on Rota and Tinian on time. SEAS had said it has also not been receiving timely payments from the government. Lawmakers and municipal councils have come to the rescue of nurses by reprogramming funds to pay their salaries, albeit partial, especially for Rota nurses.

Despite the perennial delays in the issuance of paychecks, these Filipino nurses and auxiliary staff at the Rota and Tinian Health Centers have never missed a day of work.

"But we also have bills to pay and families to feed. I don't know until when we can survive with a \$4.55 an hour salary," one of the nurses said.

ARRA

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a Saipan well isolation project under the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

GPCC, just like other general contractors in the CNMI, is also bidding for other ARRA-funded projects.

At least 20 projects are currently under bid.

For a complete list of requests for proposals and invitations for bid, visit the CNMIARRA office Web site, <http://cnmiarra.net>.

These currently advertised projects include the purchase of industrial grade grinder for use at the \$10 million Marpi landfill and 15 different school construction projects on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Some samples of ARRA-funded projects that the Public School System is currently advertising are for a general repair work at San Antonio Elementary School, rehabilitation of Sinapalo Elementary School, and repair or replacement of roofs at San Vicente Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High School.

Other contractors like Red Rock LLC got a \$50,000 contract to replace old air conditioning units with more energy efficient and environment friendly ones at the NMI Judicial Building in Susupe and the Legislative Building on Capital Hill.

Others like N15 Architects and Furey & Associates each bagged a \$20,000 contract for grant writing.

\$14.2 million contracts from PSS

Robert Florian, procurement officer at PSS, said yesterday that PSS has so far awarded some \$4.5 million worth of construction contracts, and is poised to award or obligate some \$9.7 million more between now and September 2011.

"We expect to award total of some \$14.2 million... We hope to get all contracts booked in the next three or four months or at least before the end of this calendar year," Florian told *Saipan Tribune*.

He, however, said that PSS recently received two protests filed by contractors. These protests are under review.

Commerce Secretary Michael

Ada, who is the CNMI ARRA lead officer, said PSS school renovations and repairs were timed for the summer vacation.

"PSS has been advertising for a lot of its projects this summer, and that in itself will create economic activities in the CNMI," Ada said.

Where's the payment?

Contractors and businesses are thankful for these ARRA-funded projects, but they are also concerned about the slow pace by which they are being paid.

Some have not received a single penny for the work they have done on these ARRA-funded projects.

"We are appreciative of the work, but we would also like to get paid," Spectrum Electric Inc. president and general manager Joseph Corella said when asked for comment yesterday.

Spectrum Electric Inc. bagged in May an \$81,421.44 contract for the lighting retrofitting at the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan, the Joeten Kiyu Public Library in Susupe, and the Legislative Building on Capital Hill.

These projects have been

"substantially completed," Corella said.

Antonio S. Muña Jr., special assistant to the CNMI ARRA project manager and special assistant to the Commerce secretary, said the ARRA as a new program has increased the workload on government services and this affect the pace of processing the checks and completing payments to contractors.

Muña, however, said contractors can always contact the CNMI ARRA office or send letters about their individual situations.

'Shaking in the economy'

Alfreda Camacho, administrative manager at the CNMI ARRA Office, said because of ARRA, there has been a positive "shaking" in the local economy with regard to different projects that are ongoing and forthcoming.

"Personally, what shines out the most of having all these ARRA-funded projects stream through the CNMI is that the community ultimately reaps the benefits of these completed projects as a whole," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* when

asked for comment.

She added that witnessing the excitement and gratefulness of children and patrons at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe during the recent "Flipping of the Switch" reminds her of what ARRA truly stands for.

The CNMI ARRA office has yet to release data as to the total amount of contracts so far awarded in the CNMI since last year.

Winding down

Ada said the CNMI expects to be granted some \$97 million in ARRA grant once it completes the application for the second part of the stabilization fund.

But Ada said the CNMI does not expect to have way more than this amount in ARRA grant, except for other grants that it is still applying for.

Ada said over a hundred jobs have been created and retained because of ARRA funding.

"There are still a couple of awards still outstanding but nothing is major as when it first started. Most of the money from ARRA has already either been awarded or they're just kind of winding down," he added.

According to the federal agency, recovery.gov, the CNMI has so far been awarded over \$94 million in ARRA grants.

Ada said the Cross Island road construction project has some \$4.5 million in ARRA funding, which he said is one of the major projects using these federal funding source.

"A lot of other money are being spent—for example, turbochargers for CUC so we won't burn as much fuel as we have been, and other energy saving projects," he said.

Ada also said that all these figures do not include the \$8 million in ARRA grant awarded to IT&E.

He said ARRA money has also been used as early as last year for the medical referral program.

"We can't really measure it until the release of GDP estimates after contracts are awarded. For example, when PSS starts all its school projects, there is going to be a lot of money going into the economy. And every contractor that gets to bid here would have to get a business license, we have to tax them and hopefully we see an increase in tax collections," he added.

New law reprograms \$1M to renovate Tinian govt buildings



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In the presence of Tinian lawmakers and officials, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signs a bill into law, reprogramming \$1 million for the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings on Tinian.

Former senator is new Tinian airport manager

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has hired former senator Joseph Mendiola as the new airport manager on Tinian, replacing Ike Perez for the position.

Mendiola's contract is worth \$50,000 per annum.

Tinian CPA board member Manny Villagomez confirmed Mendiola's appointment and expressed confidence in the ability of the former lawmaker.

"Yes, he was hired as airport manager for Tinian and I am confident that he can do the job. We're counting on his performance," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Villagomez said that Mendiola was hired at the recommendation of the board committee that

screened applicants for the position. He said the position was announced and the former lawmaker went through the proper hiring process.

Like other key management positions, the new Tinian airport manager will receive the same salary provided Saipan airport chief Ed Mendiola and Rota airport chief Thom Manglona.

CPA terminated Perez's employment contract in February. No reason was given except that it was a "management decision." Perez had been the Tinian airport chief since 2004. Tinian officials appealed against his termination, to no avail. (*Mon-eth Deposa*)

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed a bill into law yesterday afternoon, reprogramming \$1 million for the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings on Tinian.

The \$1 million was previously set aside for the architectural and engineering design and construction of a dialysis center on Tinian. But Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian) said this amount is inadequate and asked that the \$1 million be reprogrammed instead for building renovations.

"More importantly, given the CNMI government's economic challenges, it is unforeseeable that funding for the operational

expenses of a dialysis center will be provided upon completion of construction," Conner said in his House Bill 17-62.

HB 17-62, Senate Draft 1 is now Public Law 17-8.

But Fitial, in signing the new law in the presence of Tinian lawmakers and officials on Capital Hill, asked that the \$1 million not be reprogrammed "until such time as the Commonwealth Development Authority is able to reconcile its \$140 million bond."

The governor said CDA debilitated the original \$1 million appropriation funded by interest earned on the \$140 million bond.

"I commend the Legislature and it is with great pleasure that

I sign this measure into law in order to provide desirable funds to renovate and rehabilitate municipal buildings in Tinian," Fitial said in his message to acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) and acting Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian).

Under the new law, long-term savings can be realized by renovating dilapidated municipal buildings and relocating all government offices to municipally owned office spaces.

Reprogrammed funds will also be used to address the Tinian Liaison Office, medical referral units, renovation, and egress parking lot pavement, Tinian Health Center needs, and other associated needs and repairs.

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Dance company highlights celebration of Korean culture

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Members of the Korean community on Saipan celebrated a night of Korean culture on July 5 at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

Sixteen dancers from the Nam Jin Hee Modern Dance Company of the SangMyung University in Korea arrived on Saipan last July 3 to perform various modern dance routines for their audience Monday night.

Performances included dance

interpretations titled "Stand by Me," "Season of Camus," "Something," "Wind," and "A Day of Sad Heart."

Professor Nam Jin Hee choreographed and directed the group's presentation.

A dance instructor for more than 30 years, Nam is also the director of Korea Dance Society for the Future and the Daehan Dance Society.

She also serves as the vice president of the Korea Dance Society and has been with the SangMyung University for 10 years.

Nam, who has been to Saipan three times in the last five years, said she finds Saipan "beautiful."

She expressed appreciation to Park Jun Ho of the P,Art Music Academy and to Saipan Mayor Donald Flores for inviting them to Saipan to perform.

Park said the Korean culture festival celebration also featured presentations from other dance companies that performed at the Garapan Fishing Base for the Fourth of July celebration.

A total of 33 dancers from the Kim Suk Hee Dance Company of

WooSuk University, 15 dancers from the ChangWon University Modern Dance Company, and 13 students from the ChungAng University Modern Dance Company performed at the Liberation Day carnival grounds Sunday night.

All dance companies participated in the annual Fourth of July parade.

Since 1994, the P,Art Music Academy of Saipan has been inviting these dance companies from Korea to celebrate Korean culture and to join in the Liberation Day festivities, said Park.

Choreographer and director Nam Jin Hee and members of the Nam Jin Hee Modern Dance Company from the SangMyung University in Korea pose for a group photo after their performance Monday night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa. The group arrived on Saipan on July 3 to help celebrate Korean culture and to participate in the Fourth of July festivities.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

\$8K worth of copper wires stolen from a printing firm

A printing company on Airport Road was burglarized and copper wires worth about \$8,000 were stolen, according to the Department of Public Safety yesterday.

DPS spokesman Eric F. David said the burglary at the former Island Apparel on Airport Road was reported to the police on June 21 at 1:24pm.

Saipan Tribune learned that WinGuide Printing now occupies the building.

David said that WinGuide general manager Tirso Segismundo escorted the responding police officer to the southern portion of the main building where several electrical wires were found on the floor near the electrical

panel box.

David said a crime scene technician was summoned to the scene.

"This case is under investigation," David said.

Copper wire thieves were very active on Saipan in 2007 until last year.

In August 2009, electrical wirings worth about \$5,500 were stolen from four pavilions at the Susupe Regional Park. In June 2009, the closed Plumeria Resort in Achugao was burglarized and about 300 feet of copper wires worth about \$10,000 to \$20,000 were stolen.

Both cases remain unsolved. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Former lawmaker gets \$48K PSS contract

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REPORTER

Former congressman Justo S. Quitugua has secured a \$48,000 contract with the Public School System to monitor after-school programs in all public and private schools. The contract was awarded in March and became effective immediately.

Quitugua said the contract is for one year and he is expected to submit a comprehensive report at the end of the contract period.

Quitugua said yesterday that he will also be submitting a monthly report as part of the approved scope of work.

The contract will be paid using federal programs funds and is directly under PSS federal program officer Tim Thornburgh.

Saipan Tribune learned that Quitugua will receive a monthly payment of \$3,600 until the end of the \$48,000 contract.

The former lawmaker said he responded to the request for proposal in December last year and was notified of his selection in February 2010.

Besides monitoring after-school programs, Quitugua will also be checking the Saturday school programs and the federally funded Innovative Assistance Programs in all 20 public schools on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, as well as 26 private schools.

PSS provides breakfast meals to both public and private schools on islands. Snacks are also offered to students during after-school programs and Saturday activities.

The former lawmaker said this is his first time to receive a contract from PSS and that he went through the proper bidding process. He said his work does not conflict with his wife's position at PSS. Quitugua is the husband of PSS associate commissioner for Instruction and Curriculum Jackie Quitugua.

Quitugua said the Office of Curriculum and Instruction was not involved in the selection and processing of his contract.

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Private counsel eyed for Kagman rape suspect

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REPORTER

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja yesterday said the court will appoint a private counsel for Angel Jess Santos, one of two men arrested in the kidnapping and rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman.

Naraja granted the Office of the Public Defender's motion to withdraw as counsel for Santos due to conflict of interest.

The Office of the Public Defender represented Santos' co-defendant, Ivan Jones Castro, in previous criminal cases.

Santos, 21, appeared in court without a lawyer for the scheduled arraignment yesterday.

Chief prosecutor Michael Ernest appeared for the government.

Naraja set the arraignment on July 12 at 9am.

In an arraignment, a judge will conduct a formal reading of charges against a defendant.

Registration is now open for the Karidat Youth Summer Program

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REPORTER

Students looking for worthwhile activities this summer can sign up for the classes that will be offered by Karidat House of Manhoben's 2010 Youth Summer Program.

Karidat director Angie Deleon Guerrero said the youth summer program aims to provide kids ages 6 to 17 years old with physical activities that would keep them busy during their summer vacation.

"It helps build up their self-esteem and makes them feel good about themselves by getting involved in these activities," she said.

Activities for the 2010 Youth Summer Program include canoeing, volleyball, basketball, bead making, dance, arts and crafts, a junior leadership course, ukulele playing, bowling, Motherhead program, swimming, and softball.

The canoeing class is limited to six to seven participants and will be conducted at Kilili Beach. The bowling class will be held at the Bowling Center

The hearing will provide an opportunity for the defendant to enter a plea: not guilty, guilty, or no contest.

Police arrested Santos on June 18 and charged him with kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash.

Detective Dennis Masga Reyes stated in his report that Santos had confessed to being one of three persons who kidnapped the victim and that he only served as a lookout as one of them raped the victim at Tank Beach on June 16.

Reyes said Santos claimed that it was actually a male juvenile who raped the victim and that he could not identify their third companion.

On Wednesday, police arrested a second suspect, ex-convict Ivan Jones Castro. Police are still hunting for the third suspect, who is reportedly a juvenile.

in Oleai. Courses on bead making, dance, arts and crafts, junior leadership, ukulele playing, and Motherhead program will take place at the House of Manhoben Youth Center.

Swimming lessons will take place at Coral Ocean Point. Participants in this course will be given Red Cross certificates. Volleyball and basketball will be conducted at the Northern Marianas College gym. Venue for the softball will be announced upon registration.

Registration for the 2010 Youth Summer Program is ongoing and will run until Friday, July 9, from 8am to 5pm. Youths are encouraged to register as soon as possible since these classes have limited available slots.

Registration fee is \$10 per activity.

Karidat youth development coordinator Calvani Deleon Guerrero said they still expect a significant number of participants despite the short notice.

Activities for the 2010 Youth Summer Program will commence on Monday, July 12.

For more information, contact Karidat at 234-5248 or 234-6981.

Rota children urged to participate in summer youth leadership camp

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REPORTER

The Rota Office of the Division of Youth Services, Division of Sports and Recreation, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, and the Office of the Resident Director under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs are gearing up for the 2010 Summer Camp, slated to be held on July 19, 2010 through Aug. 21, 2010, in union with the National Youth Leadership Month celebration.

According to Barrie C. Toves, Division of Youth Services employee in-charge, the agency will consolidate the events this year to coincide with the traditional summer youth empowerment camp program. This year's summer camp activities will also have an extended timeframe that will last about a month.

Toves said that summer camp activities will run from 8am to 11:30am Monday to Friday at the Sinapalo Community Youth Center for chil-

dren ages 5 to 13, while the grand finale will highlight camp-out activities at Tete'to Beach from Aug. 19 to 21.

Activities will kick off with mini-workshops and presentations pertaining to DYS duties and responsibilities to provide participants more insight and awareness on child abuse and neglect, adolescent challenges, family violence, drugs and substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, and health and safety issues. Activities also include traditional arts and crafts, hands-

on music lessons, and sports.

Co-sponsors include the Office of the Mayor of Rota, the 13th Rota Municipal Council, Community Guidance Center's Prevention Brabu Office, Department of Public Safety, and Family Violence Task Force.

Toves said his office has finalized plans and is now working on preparing to secure available resources.

He said registration forms are available at the Rota Youth Community Center in Sinapalo Village with a fee of \$8 per child for insurance coverage. Deadline for submission of registration forms is no later than 4:30pm on July 14. For more information, call Rota DYS Office at 532-9393 or Youth Center at 532-4956.

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CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations to Marc Christian Venus, third from left, for being an A-Honor Roll student and for receiving the President's Award. Venus just finished sixth grade from Garapan Elementary School. Greetings come from your family.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Commonwealth Development Authority will auction the following items on Friday, July 23, 2010 at 2p.m. at the CDA Office Conference Room.

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6. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

Fund's asset-liability study is delayed by seven months

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The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees expressed disappointment Thursday after learning of the delay in the release of a study that would guide them on how to spread out the Fund's assets and investments in a manner that would maximize earnings and profit for the agency.

It was disclosed Thursday that the Fund's consultants, Buck Consultants and Merrill Lynch, began working on the asset-liability modeling in November 2009 but no final output has been presented to the management since then.

A draft, they said, was not even available for initial review and assessment.

Because of what they described as "too long" a wait, the trustees voted to call for a teleconference with the consultant to follow up on the status of the project.

Fund board chair Sixto Igisomar, during the teleconference with a Merrill Lynch representative, emphasized the importance of the study in guiding trustees with decisions related to Fund investments and its money managers.

"We're very concerned on the status of the asset-liability modeling and the asset allocation study. I think we've been waiting far too long on this matter and we need to know where we are at present [on this study]," Igisomar told the Merrill Lynch representative.

The Fund terminated one of its money managers, Nicholas-Applegate, in April for unsatisfactory investment results. The money it was handling for the Fund is presently being liquidated. However, the Fund has yet to decide on its next step because of the delay in the asset liability modeling. Nicholas-Applegate has been on the Fund's "watch list" since last year because of lackluster performance.

Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon said it was recommended that they wait for the completion of the study before the trustees decide on the Fund's investment and assets allocation.

The Fund has about eight money managers. The need to hire or keep more money managers will depend on the result of the study. The Fund is also in the process of selecting an investment consultant. Merrill Lynch is among the applicants.

The Fund's assets are currently invested in money market, fixed income, and hedge funds.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 7, 1999

CUC close to choosing Saipan power plant builder

A final report on the independent re-evaluation of the stalled power project on Saipan is expected to be completed within the next few days, inching closer to selecting a contractor to build the 80-megawatt plant, officials said yesterday. Burns & McDonnell, a U.S. engineering firm hired by Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to conduct another round of review on various project proposals, will submit its recommendations to the Board of Directors either this week or early next week. CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez said the board will decide whether to accept the recommendations and to award the \$120 million project to the winning contractor.

DEQ warns bottled water companies

The Division of Environmental Quality has warned bottled water companies that it will begin random, unannounced sampling in one establishment every week to make sure that they are not endangering the people's health. According to DEQ acting Director Antonio I. Guerrero, the agency has recently concluded analyzing a series of random samples taken from the nine CNMI bottled water companies as it stepped up efforts to monitor their operation. In the past, DEQ has conducted random sampling of bottled water companies once a month. After several tests, the agency found that Crystal Water Company on Saipan has exceeded the maximum level for microbiological contaminants and immediately issued a notice of violation.

July 7, 2000

PSS seeks aid for Anatahan school construction

Plans to expedite the construction of the proposed Anatahan school in the Northern Islands are facing delay due to the absence of transport services that would carry construction materials to the island. The Public School System has expressed concern over the lack of an adequate transportation which would haul concrete and other supplies to the construction site, citing this as one major factor slowing the project down. Board of Education Vice Chair Roman Benavente said the most ideal way of transporting the required materials is through the use of a Chinook helicopter, a chopper big enough to accommodate large cargoes.

Recreation center planned for Kagman

The Public School System is coming out with a plan to provide the Kagman community a recreational facility complete with sports amenities that will all residents of the area. Originally intended for the use of students enrolled in Kagman Elementary School, which is set to open in August, the school system is looking at building a playground facility adjacent the new campus and the new Kagman community center. According to Board of Education Vice Chair Roman Benavente, the facility will also be open for the public's use. He added this venture is PSS' way of curbing crimes and delinquencies in the community especially among youths.

July 7, 2003

No FEMA funds yet for CUC

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has not received anything yet of its 90-percent expected reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Rota typhoon assistance. This, even as FEMA assistance funding for all jurisdictions was reportedly de-allocated due to a national budget situation last month, prompting the CNMI government to request for its reinstatement. The CNMI has since then received assurance from FEMA that its assistance funding would be reinstated. In a report to the CUC Board of Directors, acting comptroller Ed Williams said that he has not received any information as to when the CUC can claim any of its reimbursement.

Power outage results in \$15K losses

The island-wide power outage last June 4 resulted in a \$15,600 loss for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., according to CUC acting comptroller Ed Williams. He said a three-member team comprised of personnel from power generation, power division, and accounting determined that CUC lost some \$11,545 in revenue. In addition, the outage caused three water well pumps to burn out, which required approximately \$7,940 in replacement. These pumps are located at Marpi Quarry, Isley Booster No. 2, and Agag Well No. 50. On the other hand, Williams said CUC saved in fuel use amounting to \$3,875 due to the power outage. "This amount [fuel cost] should be reduced for the fuel savings realized during the outage when the generators were not in operations," reported Williams.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW10-IFB-013

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION FOR THE EMERGENCY GENERATORS FOR THE W.I.C. ADMINISTRATION AND CLINIC BUILDINGS LOCATED ON NAVY HILL, SAIPAN.

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery and Installation for the Emergency Generators for the W.I.C. Administration and Clinic Buildings Located on Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after July 07, 2010 at DPW Technical Services Division, #1353 Mednilla Avenue, Capital Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizens or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further Amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference for this project on July 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m. local time at the project site located in W.I.C. Administration Building, Navy Hill Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 28, 2010 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr., Director of Technical Services Division**, #1353 Mednilla Avenue, Capital Hill Saipan or facsimile to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW10-IFB-013**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. local time August 04, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time August 04, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 04, 2010, and must be received no later than August 13, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. local time, August 18, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on August 09, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A Surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (**US\$100.00**) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN, Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ JOSEPH KEVIN P. VILLAGOMEZ, Secretary of Public Health

'Hunting is the biggest threat to the Mariana fruit bats'



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Naval Base Guam will have new commander

SANTA RITA, Guam—Capt. Richard K. Wood II will assume command as commanding officer of Naval Base Guam, relieving Capt. Scott M. Galbreath during a change of command ceremony on July 8, 10am, at the Naval Base Guam Big Screen Theater.

Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, will be the guest speaker.

Wood is reporting to Guam after recently serving as the E-2 Requirements officer and section head in the Information Dominance Directorate on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon.

Galbreath will be departing Guam after three years to attend the National Defense University at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. (PR)

John Gonzales LIVE feature documentary

John Gonzales Live will air on local TV Channel 2 on Wednesday, July 7, at 7pm-8pm, with replays on Sunday (July 11) and Monday (July 12).

This week's topic is the feature documentary, *The Insular Empire: America in the Mariana Islands*, with guests Vanessa Warheit (director); Hope Cristobal (Guam); Lino Olopai (CNMI); and Pete A. Tenorio (CNMI).

Text 285-6382, call 287-4230, or e-mail johngonzales@pticom.com for question or comment. (PR)

Calling all bikers on Saipan

A group of bike enthusiasts will be meeting tomorrow,

July 8, from 5:15pm to 6pm at the American Memorial Park Amphitheatre to learn about and comment on how to improve bike awareness on Saipan. Everyone is encouraged to attend and invite others. A group mountain bike ride will start after the meeting.

Agenda includes meet, greet, and share prior to meeting comments; new ideas and comments; and mountain bike ride (bring bike light). Bring ideas, keep comments brief to ensure all have the chance to be heard, arrive early, and pass the word. Prior to meeting comments can sent to pbpcp@yahoo.com or by calling 236 2976.

There will be a follow-up meeting on Sunday, July 18, 4pm to 4:30pm, Pau Pau Beach, followed by a mountain or road bike ride. A \$5 donation will help cover bike awareness pamphlets costs. (PR)

Book launching set

Retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz is inviting the CNMI public this Saturday to the launching of his new book, *From Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*. The book launching will start at 10am on July 10 at the American Memorial Park.

Dela Cruz will talk about the key points discussed in the book and will respond to questions from the audience afterwards. He will then be available for anyone who want their copies of the book autographed. Those who want to buy a copy of the book can do so at the venue. Refreshments will be provided to guests. (PR)

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REPORTER

Hunting remains one of the biggest threats to all wildlife in the CNMI, particularly the Mariana fruit bats, according to Howard L. Ferguson of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

During his presentation at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday, Ferguson said that only 50 fruit bats have been accounted for on Saipan, although their identified habitat shows that there should be more.

Ferguson, the wildlife section supervisor of DFW of the Department of Lands and Natural Resource, is part of a team that is doing a terrestrial survey in the Northern Islands.

More than 2,000 of the fruit bats have been surveyed on Rota, only occasional sightings have been detected on Tinian, and the population of the fruit bats in the Northern Islands will be identified after the survey.

Besides habitat loss, predation,

and pesticides, Ferguson said that hunting has the biggest impact on the alarmingly low number of Mariana fruit bats in the CNMI.

The Mariana fruit bats, locally known as *fanihi*, are included in the threatened species list of the Federal Endangered Species Act, making it a crime to hunt them. However, no arrests have been made despite the widespread killing of this endangered species.

Ferguson said educating the public and working with former fanihi hunters who have information about fruit bat colonies can prevent this animal's extinction.

He said enforcement of the law against fruit bat hunters and increasing penalties can also discourage them from violating the law.

Ferguson added that they are working closely with the Office of the Mayor of Rota in using the Mariana fruit bats for ecotourism.

He observed that a significant number of Mariana fruit bats fly in the Northern Islands because



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Wildlife section supervisor Howard L. Ferguson of the Division of Fish & Wildlife talks about the various species of birds and mammals that dwell in the CNMI during the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday at Giovanni's Restaurant of Hyatt Regency Saipan.

the incidence of hunting in those islands are rare.

If *fanihis* will have a designated area for them to fly freely

and where tourists can see them, "we not only increase [their] population but we [also] bring people that are interested to see the bats and help the economy," said Ferguson.

Northern Islands survey

Ferguson said the terrestrial survey being conducted in the Northern Islands will ascertain what species inhabit those islands.

He said the bird surveys will be done by the end of this week. The surveys on existing mammals in the Northern Islands, including the Mariana fruit bat, are still ongoing.

According to Ferguson, the survey will help them identify and map the presence of various species in the Northern Islands.

"With that, then we'll be able to proceed with conservation efforts in the sense that we'll know what islands have what species and how to protect them," he said.

The terrestrial survey in the Northern Islands is scheduled to end in August.

Lujan wants Hillbroom's suit dismissed or transferred to Guam

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Guam lawyer David J. Lujan asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday to dismiss the lawsuit filed against him by his former client, the son of the late business tycoon Larry Lee Hillbloom of DHL fame.

In the alternative, Lujan asked the federal court to transfer Junior Larry Hillbroom's lawsuit to the District Court for Guam.

In Lujan's motion, made through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, he said Hillbroom is pursuing a collateral attack on final and non-appealable orders of the Guardianship Court and the Probate Court, yet the complaint fails to disclose to the federal court the content of those orders.

Quichocho pointed out that the Guardianship Court approved the Junior Larry Hillbroom Trust Fee Agreement in an order dated Sept. 12, 2001.

Further, Quichocho said, Naoko Imeong, Hillbroom's guardian and grandmother, joined in the request for approval of the fee agreement.

The lawyer said the complaint also challenges the payments allegedly made to Lujan, but again Hillbroom ignores final and binding orders made by the Guardianship Court.

"That court made it clear that 'all payments to attorneys for their fees and costs shall be made only pursuant to an order of this court,'" Quichocho said.

He noted that the Guardianship Court had found that JLH trustee Keith Waibel's account-

ings, including the attorneys' fees paid to Lujan by the JLH Trust, were "proper in all respects."

This procedure, Quichocho said, culminated in a final accounting approved by the Guardianship Court in its order dated Oct. 31, 2002.

Quichocho also pointed out that all of the alleged conduct giving rise to the claims against his client occurred outside of California and the suit has no place in a CNMI court.

According to Hillbroom's complaint, filed in April, Lujan and his conspirators were not happy with the contingency fee capped by the Hillbloom probate court so they took several steps to increase the attorney's contingency fee from 38 percent to 56 percent without informing him.

Hillbroom, through counsel Mark B. Hanson, sued Lujan and 10 other unnamed co-defendants, for legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, racketeering activity, civil conspiracy, and violations of California Business and Professions Code.

Lujan used to serve as lead counsel for Hillbroom in his probate in the CNMI Superior Court.

Hillbloom died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1995. He left behind an estimated \$600 million to \$700 million. After the Hillbloom probate opened in 1995, eight children filed heirship and paternity claims against the estate.

Two women filed late claims in 2001 and 2007, saying their three children are Hillbloom's.

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Bike Trail 6: Saipan Bike Ride

Word usage: *motorist* (car and truck), *biker* (motor bike), *cyclist* (bicycle).

I witnessed on Beach Road by the Saipan Community School a biker almost nudged off the street by a rushing motorist. I shuddered at the thought of something that close happening to my *man'amko* pedaling days. So I pedal along footpaths on the side of the road between San Antonio and Kilili Beach before letting out a sigh of relief at the sight of the Pathway at Oleai. Then I whistle my way toward Garapan, letting the lagoon air and mountain breeze air out the respiratory system, and feel the muscles get oxygenized (with a whiff of carbon monoxide) and the bones/tendons stretched and exercised.

Paul Plunkett witnessed a similar road incident in late June and wrote a letter to the *Saipan Tribune* editor about it, save the cyclist was actually bumped by a taxi whose driver thought that bicycles had no business occupying the road. Concerned over general awareness regarding rights and courtesies on the road, Plunkett and other cyclists are gathering tomorrow, Thursday, 5:15pm at the Memorial Park amphitheatre to discuss how to improve bicycle awareness on Saipan. Exchanges online on an official awareness campaign is ongoing and comments/suggestions prior to the meeting may be sent to pbpcp@yahoo.com, or by calling Plunkett at 236 2976.

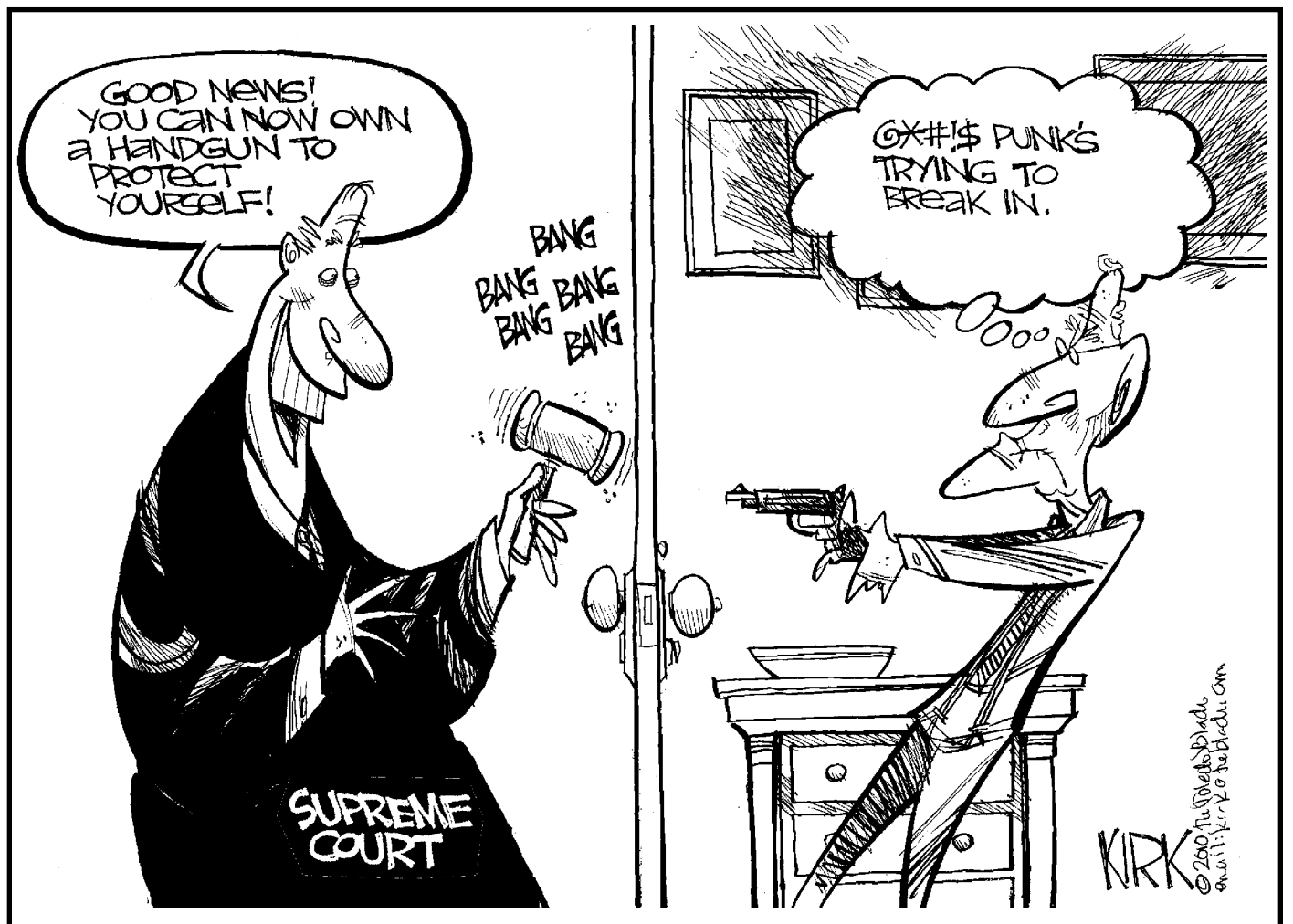
A brief 45-minute meeting, with enough time for cyclists to exchange pleasantries before the formal sharing of ideas and status of a Bicycle Awareness Campaign, will end at *Angelus* (6pm) with a mountain bike ride (bring a flashlight). I am 40 years ahead of schedule on the mountain ride and the muscle tones wouldn't do, so I will pass.

With the diverse cultures now present on Saipan, it is not surprising if we do not all share the same niceties regarding bicycles as has developed in glocal suburbia. Like a good road pedestrian, I rode my bike on the roadside facing traffic in rural Philippines so that I could see what I needed to avoid, and someone bumping me from behind was nil.

In countryside India and China, where the bicycle remains the king of the road, defensive cycling has developed as increasingly, the incidence of traffic accidents has risen. The '80s still had waves of cyclists on the streets of cities like Bombay (now Mumbai), Shanghai, and Beijing, but unfortunately, cheap oil and the globalization of car manufacturing has lulled us into diabetic-prone stupor as car riders; the healthy habit of pedal-powered people has now become a page of yesterday's memoir.

Of course, we've added a few *Le Mans* circuit races practicing regularly on Middle Road (the Pale Arnold course), instant six-lane crossers from Jiangsu delivering our water on hand-me-down rickety trucks, and touring left-hand side drivers from Shinjuku plying our streets. Bicycling on Saipan is contact sport! Thus the need to join Plunkett, Zuercher, et al, in raising

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Mighty ironwood tree

On my way home one evening after a brisk walk, I heard a distant thunder in the east signaling an impending heavy rainstorm. I picked up pace to make sure I reach home before it makes landfall. Then out of nowhere came the thought of that mighty ironwood tree that stood tall at the summit of a cliff at the old farm on Mt. Tapochau.

Don't know why it came into mind, or was it the fond memories seeking refuge underneath its vast branches to avoid the blistering heat of summer or heavy rain? There it stood, with a mighty huge trunk, its branches and leaves rustling in the wind, my powerful and trustworthy friend in both calm and storm. It clutched the earth below it and only fictional characters like King Kong (standing taller than the Empire State building) could uproot it. Uprooting it means Planet Earth would be hanging at the base (like a ball at the end of a string). I felt good in its presence, with its reassuring size and might.

Twenty-two years later, good old faithful came down flat on its belly next to a familiar gravel road. Its huge trunk was hollow, the heart turned to dust from termites and ants. It's gone! Along with it went my pride, reduced to ruins by a powerful super storm. The old ironwood tree is history! I felt betrayed, though not sure why. Was it the destruction of my youthful view of might incapable of buckling? Was it the defeat of might and the stunning fragility it represented? Or was it the wounded ego, drained of enthusiasm and total loss of confidence? Was it all of the above?

It seems a fitting metaphor for what used to be an archipelago destined for greatness some 32 years ago. I was also convinced that with a seven-year guaranteed funding for basic infrastructure, the NMI would be a perfect government model for everybody in the region to emulate. With the might of the U.S. dollar, nothing, at least at the outset, could go wrong.

Then came bad tidings of the financial crisis in Asia and the crash on Wall Street that pummeled Main Street like wildfire. Proponents donning guarded despair pushed feel-good arguments that the largest banks, housing, auto and other industries are "too big to fail." Some favor allowing bankruptcy to take its course. This permits everybody to begin anew rather than use billions of taxpayers' money for bailouts. There's the flip side, "Too Big To Succeed?" I subscribe to the latter.

With the local government fatally drowning in the virulent sea of deficit spending, the dizzying experience leaves a dazed stare in the leadership's face, quietly admitting that the situation has become a martyr's task. With dire financial straits, deficit reduction is primor-

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dial and must be handled without fear of shapeless apprehensions. But there's greater deficit in the will of leadership to step up to the plate to hurl the game's last saving pitch.

Though my youthful pride of irreplaceable might is gone, the term "responsibility" seems to have eluded our nimble minds on both sides of the Pacific Divide. It's time to revisit diplomatic paradigms, given wedge issues that have sharply divided the federal and local governments today. We can no longer afford the fragility of youthful perception of might that was, but is no longer.

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Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is the foundation of our country, including the most successful countries the world over.

Small businesses have been the backbone of our country. Isn't it time that we begin investing in our own people? Wouldn't taking positive steps in this direction eventually build a strong economic foundation for the NMI?

I have been to a lot of counties throughout the States and have eaten in restaurants established in the 16-1800s by hardworking people. The family business they've established and built successfully is passed down to siblings. Siblings too have done their dam best to carry out a family tradition with pride scaffolded by rugged individualism.

I've seen this in Japan and South Korea, too. There was a sashimi house in SK owned by one who started out as a dishwasher more than 30 years ago. He learned the trade and now owns his own sashimi house in Seoul, raking in about \$3 million annually. I have nothing short of admiration for his industry.

So what's the point? Small businesses have been the backbone of our country. It is the backbone of nearby Japan, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and other very successful island economies the world over. Isn't it time that we begin investing in our own people? Wouldn't taking positive steps in this direction eventually build a strong economic foundation for the NMI?

Had this been encouraged, we would have had a healthy and sturdy flow of revenue streams today. But we missed the boat somehow or do we blame the intermittent shift in the agenda of chief navigators?

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The mango that saved the world!

» The Fable of The Forbidden Island Juice Bar

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

I had a dream the other day that I started a juice bar. Yep, in this dream, I was a successful entrepreneur selling fresh mango, pineapple, orange, papaya and other exotic fruit juices as well as green vegetable juices on the island of Saipan in the U.S. commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

But this was no ordinary juice bar. This was a *magical* juice bar! Absolutely! You see, it all started back in June of 2010, when I bought a juicing machine. A few weeks before, I had started more earnestly living on an almost 100 percent raw food diet (nothing cooked), and decided to add a few daily servings of natural juices to my diet.

Things started off well. There were just two challenges. First, I had done some research online and discovered that the best fruits and vegetables for juicing—peaches, apples, nectarines, celery and carrots—also contained the most pesticides. [Search “20 fruits and vegetables with the most pesticides” at sixwise.com]. So, I contacted Darlene and Gemma at Joeten supermarket and requested that they stock organic produce—to which they agreed.

The second challenge was that I learned, as a general rule, it’s always best to eat produce that’s grown in or as close to the environment in which you currently live. It makes sense (doesn’t it?) that the best food for people and animals living in a warm, tropical climate, is food that is native to that same climate? (Hyenas on the Tanzanian Serengeti don’t import air-flown seals for their dining needs). So, I made every effort to juice oranges, tangerines, pineapples, and greens purchased from local farmers—avoiding pesticides as much as I could.

Then the idea hit me: Why not share juicing on a larger scale with the community? Not only would it help the development of healthy eating habits, it just might create enough demand to keep the organic produce in the stores, and encourage local farmers to supply a wider variety of locally-grown, organic produce. And so, the seed idea for “The Forbidden Island Organic Juice Bar” was planted. Now, I would need a location.

LOCATION 1

To lower my overhead costs, I started out with a tent at the Thursday Street Market, and Sabalu Market. I even experimented with a mobile juice-mobile so I could set a reliable schedule and visit key locations. I wanted to reach the government employees on Capital Hill, the tourists in Garapan, and at the hotels, as well as students at the college. But why would people pay a premium price for juices from fruits that are growing in their back yard? I would need a unique selling proposition—USP—something to set me apart.

COMPETITIVE EDGE (the secret ingredients)

As I said, this was no ordinary juice bar. First, I used only verifiably organically-grown fruits and vegetables. Second, as a result of all the research I had done over the years into natural living, herbal remedies and nutritional healing, I added a proprietary suite of “secret ingredients” to my juices. A few drops of Echinacea extract in my “Flu-buster” citrus juice; a few teaspoons of Potassium in my “Rejuvenator” green juice; Blackstrap molasses in my “Gray-away”

smoothie, and 17 others. People could request juices to address various health challenges or beauty goals. Because of the generally nutritionally-devoid content of the Standard American Diet, SAD, many people said they could feel a remarkable difference after just one serving! They kept coming back. I was on to something! This initial group of converts was great, but I would need a reliable and steady stream of customers to make this thing viable.

MARKET

As word spread, my growing customer base began to include tourists who wanted a refreshing break from the Saipan heat. It included local residents who wanted to eat (and drink) a little healthier. It included athletes—trekkers, runners and bikers—who understood the need to replenish (in a natural way) the vitamins and minerals lost during sweating and physical exertion. It included new arrivals to the island who loved being able to add a healthy perk to island living. And, it also included a surprise group of unexpected, but very welcome clientele!

Encouraged by an article I wrote on the Gerson Therapy (gerson.org), a proven therapy for curing all types of cancer, local doctors started recommending that their patients consume generous amounts of green juice daily to help detoxify, rebalance, and alkalize the body as part of a holistic diet to restore and improve the depleted, acidic, cancer-prone condition of the body of the average SAD diet consumer. As a result, I developed a contingent of repeat customers whose past dietary choices had resulted in degenerative conditions for which they now sought relief and repair.

THE MAGIC!

That’s when the magic happened! To meet the growing demand within the community, local farmers started supplying me with more organic fruits and vegetables. Local residents, blessed with unique fruits growing on their property, started selling me pomegranates, soursop, noni, and other fruits not readily available at the local market.

Rather than import produce from overseas—produce that could easily be grown here—Saipan farmers began growing more oranges, carrots, pineapples and other in-demand juice-friendly produce using organic farming methods.

Export requests for “fruits from paradise” came from all over the region and the rest of the world!

We saw the beginnings of a sustainable business relationship and streams of reliable income for farmers and average citizens alike. A local, consumer and tourist-driven agricultural boom took place to meet the demand.

Organic fruits and vegetables were everywhere! Other juice bars sprang up to compete. What I call “the Saipan Healthy Living Renaissance” created a local pool of experts in sustainable, organic “paradise farming” techniques who marketed their knowledge around the world.

Yes, there was more happening than just the success of a single business venture, or the beginnings of a new (or, more accurately, return of an old) industry. There was the change in attitudes and beliefs within the society, as well as without and about the society.

It was a natural fit. Tourists were intrigued by the “natural living, back to nature, stay healthy” identity that Saipan was developing. Meanwhile, residents were pleased that their life in “paradise” came with the added perk of returning to a more natural, sustainable and healthy way of life that had always been part of the culture.

THE MARKETING PLAN

Boosted by positive word of mouth and mouse, as well as strategically-placed and publicized testimonials of health and wellness, Saipan, already valued by tourists as a naturally beautiful tropical escape from the literal, figurative and bodily congestion of fast-paced, high-stress urban living, developed a reputation as a place

paradigm from the manageable “human” Parthenon of the Acropolis, best appreciated at ground level, to the transcendent Empire State building that requires distance across the Hudson or up on a helicopter to glimpse its beauty and wonder. Technology is no longer an extension of the human; the human has become an inconvenient variable to an increasingly tech-dependent automaton.

I mentioned in an earlier article Ebai in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, a one-mile by 200-meter piece of real estate where natives watch missiles from California drop with precision on its 2,000-plus sq km lagoon. The island population 20 times more than its natural holding capacity buy pickups that are used as taxis, and then drive them off to the end of the island after the engines conk out, I was told, into a “Puerto Rico” and covered with refuse to extend the island further! Some 90-plus islets at

The Saipanpreneur Project

Creating economic success for the CNMI

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for rejuvenation! Tour agents in other countries promoted this new aspect of the island to appeal to the medical tourism, sustainable tourism, paradise tourism crowd. As more and more oil spills and pollution desecrated more of the earth’s air, water and land, there was growing interest in escaping to locations relatively untouched, and which offered a taste of pristine living.

GROWTH AND ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

The Forbidden Island Juice Bar was at the center of this renaissance, and it grew exponentially. When the demand for our juices exceeded the capacity of a single booth and a mobile operation, we moved into a physical location. Then came another and another. We started offering juicing books, information pamphlets, demonstrations, classes by alternative healing practitioners, educational school visits and more. We followed up with fruit-juice inspired products: carrot cake made from the pulp of local organic carrots, and sweetened with local honey, as well as other incidental products. We even offered tours of the farms and groves so people could see where and how their fruits and vegetables were grown and harvested.

Rather than compete, savvy entrepreneurs decided it was better to go with our proven strategy, and the requests for franchises poured in. Independently operated Forbidden Island Juice Bars sprang up in neighboring islands and even on the mainland, with fruits supplied in part by farmers here on Saipan, Tinian and Rota!

FROM SWEATSHOPS TO SHANGRI-LA

Yes, it was a beautiful dream! This new Saipan identity shifted the connections of these islands in people’s minds from war zone to cure zone, and from sweatshops to Shangri-la! Saipan became synonymous with perfect health, unspoiled beauty, rejuvenation and natural living. It was great, I tell you! And it all started with the seed of an idea that germinated in a fertile environment, that blossomed naturally, grew organically, and ultimately bore economic fruit that changed Saipan, and then, yes, the world!

P.S. The part about requesting organic fruits from Joeten wasn’t a dream. Contact the store to find out when they arrive!

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Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Jamaican on Saipan*, may order a copy on jamaicanonsaipan.com.

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of Web sites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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BIKE TRAIL

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island consciousness not just on bicycle safety but on the whole salivific value of cycling as an alternative transport lifestyle in a rapidly toxic planet environment.

I ask again, “Why would anybody need to be in a hurry in a five-by-twelve mile island?” And in a region where the motto is *Relax and be Happy*, would our universe really fall apart if we become authentically glocal (think global, act local) in our *taotao tano/taotao tasi* human scale perspective?

Kirkpatrick Sale in 1980 wrote a book called *Human Scale* where he argues that the vaunted technological revolution had shifted our

high tide ring the corral atoll. Former residents of Eniwetok and Bikini, survivors of the Nuclear Age hydrogen holocaust, are crammed into this island next to the most sophisticated missile guidance system in the world. Buffeted by such technologies, these folks have become pithy automatons reluctantly appended into a world neither of their making nor of their natural or even learned familiarity.






Now, what has this got to do with riding a bike? Plenty. Riding a bike brings me to viewing things animate and inanimate from the perspective of the human scale, at slow motion, and that is a better view than the contemporary practice of figuring how much anything will cost and how fast I may profit from it. Greed feeds on speed. Slow down. Consider riding a bike.

A cyclist? Show up at the AMP Amphitheater Thursday afternoon.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Thunderstorm
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Micronesia

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Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorm	▲85 ▼77
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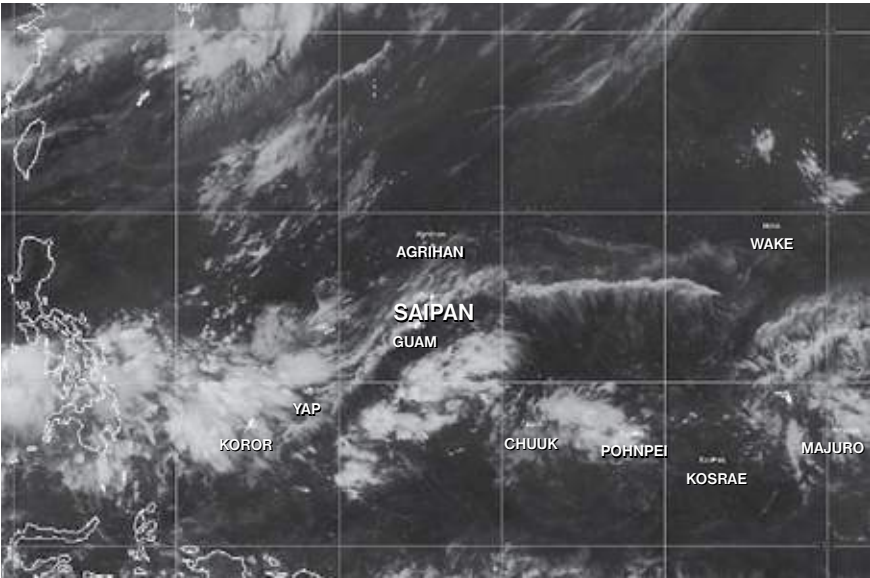
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London	Showers	▲74 ▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲57 ▼40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼79
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Tides

Saipan Harbor			
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10:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:14 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:33 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging southwest winds are causing scattered showers southeast of Okinawa within 100 miles of a line from 20N133E to 25N138E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across southern Micronesia in three areas. The first area near Palau and Yap is bounded by a line from 11N130E to 12N140E to 5N134E to 7N130E back to 11N130E. The second area south of Guam between Yap and Chuuk is within 150 miles of a line from 4N141E to 12N149E. The third area from Chuuk to Pohnpei is within 100 miles of a line from 8N153E to 7N158E. Another area of trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers across the Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line from 8N171E to 4N180E.

Sunrise/Sunset

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Thursday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
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Sunday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 102	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily
Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

Troubled Toyota starts world recall for engine fix

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota started a global recall over engine defects in its Lexus and Crown models, moving to repair more than 95,000 vehicles in Japan and South Korea over the latest trouble for the automaker beset with quality problems.

Toyota Motor Corp. had said Friday that 270,000 cars worldwide would be recalled to replace valve springs, crucial engine components that are flawed in the recalled vehicles and could make them stall while in motion.

The world's top automaker informed the Japanese government of the recall in that country Monday, and other countries were to follow. South Korea's Transport Ministry said Tuesday that 3,704 vehicles would be recalled there.

The total includes 138,000 vehicles in the U.S., 91,903 in Japan, 15,000 in Europe, 10,000 in the Middle East, 6,000 in China, 4,000 in Canada, and 8,000 elsewhere.

"We apologize for inconveniencing our customers. We hope to fix the problem soon," company spokesman Paul Nolasco said in a statement.

Toyota has received about 200



A U.S. flag is seen over a large sign at a Lexus dealership in the Woodland Hills area of Los Angeles Thursday, July 1, 2010.

complaints, but no accidents due to the defects have been reported. Officials have blamed the problem on a foreign substance being introduced during manufacturing of the valve springs.

Toyota said it is replacing the valve spring in the recalled vehicles, produced between July 2005 and August 2008—Lexus models GS350, GS450h, GS460, IS350, LS460, LS600h, LS600hL and Crown models. Vehicles from the 2009 and 2010 model years are not affected.

The quality problem affecting top-of-the-line products comes as Toyota struggles to move on from massive global recalls that started in October. More than 8.5 million vehicles already have been recalled for various problems, including sticking gas pedals, braking software glitches and defective floor mats.

The world's top automaker was fined a record \$16.4 million in the United States for responding too slowly when the recall crisis erupted.

The latest woes come on top of a recall last week for 17,000 Lexus hybrids after testing

showed fuel can spill during a rear-end crash. Analysts say the latest recalls do little to instill consumer confidence after Toyota President Akio Toyoda apologized to shareholders last month and vowed to improve vehicle quality inspections.

"It is not doing a good job in communicating a message about what exactly it is doing to beef up quality checks," said Shotaro Noguchi, auto analyst with Nomura Securities Co. in Tokyo. "So it is hard for people to believe Toyota is taking the customer's view as it is promising to do."

Toyota faces more than 200 lawsuits in the U.S. tied to accidents involving defective automobiles, the lower resale value of Toyota vehicles, and a drop in its stock value. The company's overall sales have been hurting this year following its safety-related recalls. Toyota has been trying to boost U.S. sales with deep promotions, including zero-percent financing and free maintenance.

The Tokyo market reacted with calm to Toyota's recall news. Toyota shares gained 0.5 percent to finish at 3,035 yen.

Relief well is last best hope to contain gusher

HOUSTON (AP)—As engineers bore deeper into the seafloor toward the source of the oil still spewing into the Gulf of Mexico, BP PLC is growing more confident that the relief well it expects to complete in August will succeed where all previous efforts to contain or kill the gusher have failed.

But what if it doesn't work?

At the very least, oil would continue to spill while workers try something else.

That proposition would surely bring more misery for the people who live, work and play along the shores from Louisiana to Florida.

And consider this: Chief Executive Tony Hayward said in June that the reservoir of oil is believed to hold about 2.1 billion gallons of oil. If the problem was never fixed, it could mean another two years of oil spilling based on

the current flow rate until the reservoir is drained.

BP says the first relief well is on target to be completed by early August. A second relief well, which could be completed a few weeks later, is viewed as a backup if the first one doesn't work.

But efforts to contain other major oil spills haven't always gone according to plan.

The 1979 Ixtoc oil spill, the Gulf's worst oil spill before it was eclipsed by BP's disaster, wasn't contained until three months after the first of two relief wells was completed. By then, 140 million gallons of oil had spilled in the 10 months it took Pemex, Mexico's state-owned oil company, to stop the leak.

That's why BP is developing "backups for the backups." But the British company is sparse on details, and even the ideas it is floating can't guar-

antee the blown-out well that has already pumped up to 160 million gallons of oil into the sea over 2 1/2 months won't keep flowing into the fall—or perhaps even beyond.

So, the Gulf region is left to hold its collective breath as BP puts much of its effort into the relief well just as Mother Nature could unleash a blistering hurricane at any moment.

"The relief well itself is not a slam dunk," said Gene Beck, a petroleum engineering professor at Texas A&M University.

Kent Wells, a BP senior vice president, said other options include trying to reconfigure the existing containment cap to collect more of the spewing oil or tying it into another production platform on the surface. However, Wells has been mum on a game plan and he said no decisions have been made on the alternate platform idea.

the unease. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index was down 0.9 percent at 9,181.78. The index fell nearly 2 percent at one point to a seven-year intraday low. South Korea's Kospi declined 0.8 percent to 1,661.79 and markets in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and New Zealand also fell.

Oil falls below \$72 amid fears of slowing economy

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell below \$72 a barrel Tuesday in Asia on investor concern

global economic growth could slow in the second half and drag demand for crude down with it. Benchmark crude for August delivery was down 35 cents to \$71.79 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract last settled on Friday, losing 81 cents to \$72.14. U.S. markets were closed Monday for the Fourth of July holiday. Investor fears of a double-dip recession in Europe and the U.S. later this year after last year's contraction have weighed on stocks and commodities in recent weeks. A

Greece upbeat on bid to exit from crisis

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Debt-hobbled Greece may see a slightly milder than expected recession this year and aims to issue bonds again on international markets in 2011, the finance minister said Monday.

George Papaconstantinou said efforts to slash the gaping budget deficit from 13.6 in 2009 to 8.1 percent of gross domestic product in 2010 remain on track.

"We believe we will attain and perhaps exceed the target of 8.1 percent at the end of 2010," Papaconstantinou said. Greece is committed to bringing the deficit to under 3 percent of annual output in 2014.

Papaconstantinou said a below-target increase in revenues should be offset in part by sales and tobacco tax increases, as well as property tax payments.

Greece narrowly avoided defaulting on its loans in May,

after being pledged euro110 billion in bailout loans from the European Union and International Monetary Fund.

In return, the government is slashing spending and pushing through sweeping pension and labor reforms—angering labor unions, which are planning another general strike Thursday.

Papaconstantinou said initial forecasts of the recession-bound economy shrinking by 4 percent of GDP this year now appear "excessively pessimistic."

"The drop was 2.5 percent in the first quarter, and our first indications for the second quarter show the figure at around 3 percent," he said. "Based on that, and knowing that there may be a worsening in the third quarter as many of the (austerity) measures kick in, we are in a position to believe that the year will end somewhat better."

STOCK Portfolio

ASIAN MARKETS

AUSTRALIA 4,261.50 Up 10.90 (0.26%)	HONG KONG 19,884.25 Up 42.05 (0.21%)	JAKARTA 2,882.61 Up 5.31 (0.18%)
TOKYO 9,264.93 Down 1.85 (-0.02%)	K. LUMPUR 1,297.28 Down 2.22 (-0.17%)	MANILA 3,335.71 Up 23.97 (0.72%)
SEOUL 1,673.24 Down 2.13 (-0.13%)	BANGKOK 807.22 Up 3.19 (0.40%)	SINGAPORE 2,845.11 Up 1.09 (0.04%)

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW
9,686.48
-46.05

NASDAQ
2,091.79
-9.57

S&P
1,022.58
-4.79

MONEY MARKET

Australian Dollar	1.1920
British Pound	0.6607
Canadian Dollar	1.0661
Chinese Renminbi	6.7758
Euro	0.7980
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7889
Indian Rupee	46.7800
Indonesian Rupiah	9,060.0000
Japanese Yen	87.6850
Malaysian Ringgit	3.2075
New Zealand Dollar	1.4515
Philippine Peso	46.4500
Singapore Dollar	1.3934
South Korean Won	1,223.0250
Swiss Franc	1.0630
Taiwan Dollar	32.189
Thailand Baht	32.4250

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Asian markets gloomy over global recovery

TOKYO (AP)—Asian stock markets were mixed Tuesday on growing worries the global economic recovery is running out of momentum. Weaker data from major economies over the past few weeks has diminished confidence in a strong rebound from last year's global recession and unnerved markets, many of which are in the red so far this year. A report showing weaker growth in Europe's services and manufacturing sectors added to

weaker than expected June jobs report on Friday added to concern the U.S. economic recovery could peter out once massive government spending stimulus ends.

Census worker taken to court for trespassing

HONOLULU (AP)—In these divisive times, Census worker Russell Haas has come to expect some resistance when he goes door to door to count the residents of the rugged communities near Hawaii's Kilauea volcano. He didn't expect to get arrested.

An attempt to get one resident, a county police officer, to fill out Census forms landed Haas in the back of a patrol car with a trespassing charge. The case is now in federal court, the latest example of disputes this year between Census workers and residents who don't want to deal with them. It has created a rare instance in which federal prosecutors have stepped in to serve as criminal defense attorneys. "I was trained to encourage everybody to be in the Census," said Haas, 57, a former New Jersey police officer.

Nation

Officials say BP spill now hitting all Gulf states

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP)—Tar balls from the Gulf oil spill found on a Texas beach were the first evidence that gushing crude from the Deepwater Horizon well has reached all the Gulf states.

A Coast Guard official said on Monday that it was possible that the oil hitched a ride on a ship and was not carried naturally by currents to the barrier islands of the eastern Texas coast, but there was no way to know for sure.

The amount discovered is tiny compared to what has coated beaches so far in the hardest-hit parts of the Gulf Coast in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. It still provoked the quick dispatch of cleaning crews and a vow that BP will pay for the trouble.

"Any Texas shores impacted by the Deepwater spill will be cleaned up quickly and BP will be picking up the tab," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said in a news release.

The oil's arrival in Texas was predicted Friday by an analysis



Avery Bates talks with other fisherman during a protest meeting at the city docks in Bayou La Batre, Ala., Monday, July 5, 2010.

from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which gave a 40 percent chance of crude reaching the area.

"It was just a matter of time that some of the oil would find its way

to Texas," said Hans Graber, a marine physicist at the University of Miami and co-director of the Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing.

About five gallons of tar balls

were found Saturday on the Bolivar Peninsula, northeast of Galveston, said Capt. Marcus Woodring, the Coast Guard commander for the Houston/Galveston sector. Two gallons were found Sunday

on the peninsula and Galveston Island, though tests have not yet confirmed its origin.

Woodring said the consistency of the tar balls indicates it's possible they could have been spread to Texas water by ships that have worked out in the spill. But there's no way to confirm the way they got there.

The largest tar balls found Saturday were the size of pingpong balls, while the ones Sunday were more like nickels and dimes.

Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski said he believed the tar balls were a fluke, rather than a sign of what's to come.

"This is good news," he said. "The water looks good. We're cautiously optimistic this is an anomaly."

The distance between the western reach of the tar balls in Texas and the most eastern reports of oil in Florida is about 550 miles. Oil was first spotted on land near the mouth of the Mississippi River on April 29.

The spill is reaching deeper into Louisiana. Strings of oil

were seen Monday in the Rigolets, one of two waterways that connect the Gulf with Lake Pontchartrain, the large lake north of New Orleans.

"So far it's scattered stuff showing up, mostly tar balls," said Louisiana Office of Fisheries Assistant Secretary Randy Pausina. "It will pull out with the tide, and then show back up."

Pausina said he expected the oil to clear the passes and move directly into the lake, taking a backdoor route to New Orleans.

The news of the spill's reach comes at a time that most of the offshore skimming operations in the Gulf have been halted by choppy seas and high winds. A tropical system that had been lingering off Louisiana flared up Monday afternoon, bringing heavy rain and winds.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said there had been a 60 percent chance the system could blow into a tropical storm. But that was reduced later Monday to almost no chance because the storm had moved over land.

Hot enough for ya? Temps soar to near 100 in East

Horses dragged driver as he tried to stop rampage

BELLEVUE, Iowa (AP)—The buggy driver whose horses trampled spectators at this town's Fourth of July parade had tried desperately to stop the rampage, clinging to the reins as the animals dragged him down the street, his family said Monday.

Mardell Steines was in the buggy with his wife, Janet, his daughter-in-law, his 7-year-old grandson and his 5-year-old granddaughter on Sunday when the horses bolted toward the end of the parade, injuring 24 people and killing Janet Steines.

Police said the horses were spooked after they rubbed heads and the bridle fell off one of them. The animals went on a rampage over six blocks, plowing through spectators and children stooping to snatch up candy that had been tossed along the parade route.

"If he ever envisioned a situation would happen that would cause harm to others, it would have destroyed him," said Ken Walsh, whose daughter was in the buggy. "He was trying his damndest to get those horses under control."

The buggy struck a combine in the parade and a road sign, Walsh said. Janet Steines was thrown out and struck a concrete driveway. She died at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

NEW YORK (AP)—The heat wasn't going to keep Jerryll Freels inside on his vacation.

The 28-year-old made his way through Times Square on Monday, combating the hot weather with a wet white washcloth over his head and a water bottle in hand.

"It's hot, but I know how to stay cool," said Freels, visiting from Minneapolis.

A string of hot days were expected this week, with temperatures en route to 100-plus degrees in some places. Temperatures reached into at least the 90s Monday from Maine to Texas, into the Southwest and Death Valley.

In the East, warm air is "sitting over the top of us, and it's not really going to budge much for the next day or two," said Brian Korty, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Camp Springs, Md. He said after that, a system coming in off the Atlantic Ocean would bring in cooler temperatures.

Imam entangled in terrorism case leaves US

NEW YORK (AP)—The imam entangled in the investigation into a suicide bomb plot against New York City subway stations left the U.S. Monday, after pleading guilty to lying to the FBI. Among his final words on U.S. soil, his lawyer says, were "God bless America."

Ahmad Wais Afzali and his wife Fatima took off on a Saudi Arabian Airlines flight to Jeddah and then will go on to Mecca, where Fatima got a job teaching English, said the lawyer, Ron Kuby. Afzali, who was born in Afghanistan but spent most of

Monday was a day off for many to mark Sunday's Independence Day holiday. The extended weekend aided utilities by lowering demand for power, said Lissette Santana, a spokeswoman for PPL Electric Utilities in Allentown, Pa.

For others, though, there was no getting away from the heat.

Richard Willis, 52, was one of a few dozen homeless men in Franklin Square, a small park in downtown Washington. He spent his day drinking water and staying in the shade.

"That's all you can do, really," said Willis, who wore jeans and a long-sleeve shirt and sat under a tall tree near a fountain.

"I've been through many summers. I'm experienced."

In New York, Yasser Badr manned his steel food cart in the sun outside Penn Station. Surrounded by the grill, fryer and gyro rotisserie all going full throttle, he was already covered in sweat. A question about the heat

elicited only a resigned laugh. "This kind of metal, it makes everything more hot," he said, patting the wall of the cart.

The long weekend had more people out seeking relief. Five Connecticut state parks had to stop admitting people because they had reached capacity.

A major utility restricted water use on the New Jersey shore, forbidding residents from watering lawns and washing cars.

About 17,000 customers in northern New Jersey lost power for more than four hours Monday, though Jersey Central Power and Light spokesman Jim Markey said it wasn't clear whether the outage was related to the heat.

While some tried to stay inside, others chose to brave the heat, including tourists who wanted to make the most of their holiday trips. In Washington, people were out exploring the city on the final day of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall.

The 38-year-old imam said he had wanted to help authorities in the investigation of the threat but lied under grilling by the FBI about his phone conversations with Zazi. Afzali lied when he said he never told Zazi that he was under surveillance in New York.

Afzali said that he never meant to aide Zazi or deceive the government.

"It was not just something he said at sentencing, he genuinely loves this country very much," Kuby said. "Unfortunately he was caught in a turf battle between the NYPD and the FBI."

his life in Queens, isn't sure what he's going to do there, Kuby said. Most of his family lives in Virginia, including two children from a previous marriage.

Afzali, under the terms of his plea April 15, was sentenced to time served—four days— but ordered to leave the country in 90 days.

Authorities sought help last fall from the imam, a previously reliable police source, as they scrambled to thwart the plot by Najibullah Zazi, a Colorado airport van driver who pleaded guilty in the case.

July 4th partiers fall 3 stories in Ala.; 1 dead

HOOVER, Ala. (AP)—A wooden deck crumpled under a group of Fourth of July partiers in Alabama, killing one person and injuring six others. Seven partygoers plummeted three stories when the deck at an apartment complex in the Birmingham suburb of Hoover collapsed Sunday night. Two uninhabited

ACROSS THE NATION

Manson follower faces parole board for 19th time

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Leslie Van Houten, the one-time Charles Manson follower long seen as the most likely of his ex-acolytes to win freedom someday, faces her 19th parole hearing with a new lawyer and new case law which may give her the best chance yet for release. Even if there is a finding of suitability for parole at Tuesday's hearing, freedom would not be immediate. The entire state parole board would review the decision within 120 days and it would then be submitted to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for a final ruling. Van Houten, 60, remains incarcerated at the California Institution for Women at Frontera, the same prison where another Manson follower, Patricia Krenwinkel, is imprisoned. Susan Atkins, the third woman convicted of murder in the crimes directed by cult leader Manson, died in prison last year after parole officials denied her dying request for freedom.

Small plane crash near northern NJ airport kills 3

FAIRFIELD, N.J. (AP)—Authorities say a small airplane has crashed near an airport in northern New Jersey just after the pilot apparently aborted a landing, killing three people. Essex County Sheriff Armand Fontoura says it appears the plane was descending for a landing at the Essex County Airport in Fairfield when the pilot pulled up just before 5:30 p.m. Monday. The plane crashed moments later about two blocks north of the airport on a grassy patch surrounded by warehouses. Fontoura says there were no survivors. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker says the pilot and two passengers were on the plane, a Cirrus SR22. The victims' names haven't been released. Only the plane's tail section remained intact after the crash and an intense fire.

Asia

McCain: Kandahar is key to victory in Afghan war



U.S. Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), front, and Joseph Lieberman, (I-CT), right, attend a press conference Monday, July 5, 2010 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The ranking Republican on the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee said NATO and Afghan troops will prevail in the war if they can succeed in securing and bolstering governance in the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar.

Sen. John McCain, who visited Afghanistan's largest city in the south on Monday with two other U.S. lawmakers, warned of tough fighting ahead and predicted that casualties would rise in the short-term.

"The Taliban know that Kandahar is the key to success or failure," McCain told a news conference at the airport in Kabul. "So what happens in this operation will have a great effect on the outcome of this conflict. But I am convinced we can succeed and will succeed, and Kandahar is obviously the

key area. And if succeed there, we will succeed in the rest of this struggle."

McCain, a Republican from Arizona, also reiterated his opposition to President Barack Obama's plan to begin withdrawing troops from Afghanistan beginning in July 2011. Obama has said that large numbers of troops would not be pulled out if conditions did not allow, but that caveat has often gotten lost in the discussion over the length of U.S. commitment to the war.

McCain said he expected progress to be made in Afghanistan between now and July 2011. "But we must not tell the enemy that we will begin leaving when we have not finished the job," he said.

During a two-day visit, McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina who is on the

Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, an Independent from Connecticut who is chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, met with Gen. David Petraeus, the newly installed NATO commander, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry.

Lieberman said he understood that Obama wanted to use the July 2011 timetable to send the message that the U.S. would not be in Afghanistan forever. Still, he said he thought the president was wrong to set it. "We hear it everywhere we go here. They say they think we're leaving. We're not going to leave until we win."

McCain also said he expected Petraeus to refine the rules of engagement on the battlefield.

Police struggle to battle militants in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—In Pakistan's heartland of Punjab, the front line force against the surge in Islamic militant attacks is a poorly equipped, incompetent and corrupt police.

And that's only part of the problem.

Police complain powerful Pakistani intelligence agencies fail to share crucial information, while the province's government remains reluctant to act against influential militant groups.

Taliban fighters along the Afghan border orchestrate attacks in Punjab by teaming up with local militants who were once supported by the Pakistani government to fight in Kashmir and Afghanistan. They have turned

against their former masters because of the country's close alliance with the U.S.

Lahore, the provincial capital and Pakistan's second largest city, is increasingly targeted. Just two years ago it was rarely blighted by bombings. In the last month alone, attacks have killed at least 135 people, including 42 who died last week when two suicide bombers detonated their explosives among thousands visiting the famous shrine of an 11th century Sufi saint.

The strength of the police is critical for combating that violence because the government cannot rely on the military to battle militants as it has done in

the rugged, northwestern tribal areas.

While police have sometimes been commended for extreme bravery in the face of suicide attacks, their reputation is generally poor. Police often extract bribes from citizens, and Transparency International says they are the most corrupt public sector agency in Pakistan.

In addition, they are often poorly trained in carrying out investigations and regularly use torture to elicit confessions, Hassan Abbas, a Columbia University professor who previously worked with the Pakistani police, said in a recent report.

Even the Punjab police chief admits the force is struggling.

Gunmen kill left-wing activist in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Gunmen killed a local leader of a left-wing party in the Philippines, one week after President Benigno Aquino III took office vowing to put an end to political assassinations.

Fernando Baldomero, who escaped an attempt on his life earlier this year, was gunned down on Monday in front of his house as he was about to take his child to school, according to authorities and left-wing human rights group Karapatan.

He died on the way to the hospital from wounds to his head and neck, said provincial police chief Epifanio Bragais.

The Philippines has been wracked by extrajudicial killings in the last two decades, which human rights groups have largely blamed on security forces. The military often describes the victims as communist rebels, who have been fighting for a Marxist state.

But Karapatan said more than 1,000 of those killed have been left-wing activists, party members and farmers. In most cases, the assailants have escaped and the cases remain unsolved, the group said, calling for an immediate investigation into the latest attack.

Baldomero was the chairman of Bayan Muna political party and a member of his village council in the province of Aklan. Police quoted witnesses as saying the gunmen sped away on a motorcycle without license plates.

"Today we march for justice. Fernando Baldomero should be the first and last activist to be killed under the Aquino regime," said a statement from the allied umbrella organization Bayan.

It called on Aquino to send "a strong message to his troops that the killings are unacceptable." The failure of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to protect human rights "will be a failure of Aquino too if he does not act swiftly to stop the killings," it said.

Aquino, who succeeded Arroyo, has promised to jail perpetrators and seek justice for the victims of such killings.

Amnesty International on Monday urged new Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, the former head of the independent Commission on Human Rights, to end impunity for the rampant killings and enforced disappearances and to improve protection for witnesses.

Australia: East Timor could process asylum seekers

SYDNEY (AP)—Australia's new leader launched a plan Tuesday to make East Timor a hub for processing asylum seekers fleeing war and persecution across Asia while a debate rages in her country over illegal migration.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said the proposal was a regional response to the global problem of burgeoning numbers of people leaving their home countries because of conflicts such as those in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and elsewhere.

The new policy also aims to defuse a politically and racially charged debate about illegal migration in Australia that has flared ahead of elections expected in the next few months.

Australia has witnessed a surge in the number of asylum seekers arriving via Indonesia in rickety boats—some 150 in the past three years carrying around 4,000 people who have paid criminal syndicates for their passage.

The asylum seekers have overflowed the offshore detention center at Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, and in recent months detainees have been

moved to the mainland for holding while their refugee applications are assessed.

While the number of people arriving this way represents a small proportion of the nearly 14,000 places Australia grants each year to asylum seekers, each new boat receives wide media coverage and stirs feelings among many Australians that the country is being forced to take them in.

In her first major speech touching on foreign policy, Gillard on Tuesday said Australia had an obligation to treat legitimate asylum seekers fairly while also ensuring its borders are secure.

She proposed the creation of a regional center for processing the claims of "irregular entrants" to U.N. refugee status, and said that East Timorese President Jose Ramos Horta had agreed to discuss the possibility of building such a facility in his country.

"A regional processing removes the incentive, once and for all, for the people smugglers to send boats to Australia," Gillard said. "Why risk a dangerous journey if you will simply be returned to the regional processing center?"



ASIAN BRIEFS

RP police save Chinese man from militants

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine police say they have rescued a Chinese businessman who was held by al-Qaida-linked militants for over a year on a southern island. Chief Inspector Amil Banaan of Sulu provincial police says Xili Wu was rescued in a village outside Luuk township on Jolo island. He says Wu used the alias Peter Go to hide his illegal status in the country. A Luuk police report says officers rescued Wu following a brief clash late Monday

with Abu Sayyaf gunmen. Banaan said Tuesday that Wu was seized December 2008 from an appliance store he and other relatives opened in Jolo township, the provincial capital.

State media: Bus fire in central China kills 24

BEIJING (AP)—A fire on a shuttle bus carrying steel factory workers in central China killed 24 people and injured 19, state media reported Monday. The official Xinhua News Agency said the fire happened Sunday night in Wuxi, a

city close to Shanghai. The bus served night shift workers at the factory. Investigators were trying to determine what caused the blaze on the shuttle bus, the local Wuxi Daily newspaper reported on its website. Wuxi government and party officials as well as employees who answered the phone at the Xuefeng Steel company refused to comment. Last year, a man ignited a bucket of gasoline on an overcrowded bus in the southern city of Chengdu. The bus had sealed windows and no emergency exits, preventing escape, and 27 people died.

Riot anniversary in China passes off peacefully

BEIJING (AP)—Teams of police patrolled streets in the western region of Xinjiang as part of stringent security controls Monday on the one-year anniversary of China's worst ethnic violence in decades. Despite tensions, there was no apparent sign of unrest. An ethnic Han Chinese man who runs the Little West Gate Family Hotel in the regional capital of Urumqi said his family spent the day indoors as a precaution. The man, who would

only give his surname Zhang, said shoppers had to go through airport-style security checks at the open air market in the city's center. Bags also were searched at airports, train stations and bus stops, said a receptionist surnamed Fang at the Yilong Hotel. Long-standing tensions between Xinjiang's minority Uighurs and majority Han Chinese migrants flared into open violence in Urumqi one year ago, triggered by the deaths of Uighur (pronounced WEE-gur) factory workers in the country's south.

World

Clinton criticizes Russia for occupying Georgia

TBILISI, Georgia (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton rebuked Russia on Monday for failing to live up to the cease-fire agreement it signed nearly two years ago to end the fighting in this small former Soviet state.

She asserted that Russia is occupying parts of Georgia and building permanent military bases in contravention of the truce.

"We're calling on the Russians to enforce the agreement they signed," she told a news conference with Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili at her side. She said that includes pulling its troops back to the positions they held before the invasion.

Several times she pointedly referred to Russian troops as occupiers of the

breakaway Georgian territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. She said the U.S. was "appalled and totally rejected" Russia's rationale for the invasion, which temporarily put U.S.-Russian relations in a deep freeze and prompted NATO to suspend cooperation with Moscow.

"The United States is steadfast in its commitment to Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity," she said. "The United States does not recognize spheres of influence," she added, referring to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's claim that his country has "privileged interests" and special influence in Georgia and other former Soviet states.

Georgia gained its independence

in 1991 with the collapse of Soviet communism.

Asked about Clinton's comments, Russia's powerful Prime Minister Vladimir Putin warned Georgia against trying to rally U.S. support.

"They mustn't seek solutions outside," Putin said, according to Russian news agencies. "It's necessary to conduct a dialogue without citing third parties."

Russia wants to retain clout in the region as a counterweight to the eastward march of NATO, which in recent years has expanded its frontiers to include the former Soviet states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Ukraine also had been pursuing membership but reversed course



Clinton

this year with the election of a more Moscow-friendly government.

Clinton said she and Obama raised the Georgia issues with Medvedev when he was in Washington last month.

The invasion remains a major point of contention between Washington and Moscow. It complicates U.S. relations with Georgia, which has been skeptical of the Obama administration's policy of adopting friendly relations with Moscow in an attempt to overcome the deep divides that developed during the administration of President George W. Bush.

Saakashvili told reporters, however, that upon further reflection he thinks Obama's Russia policy is the correct one.

Venezuela honors lover of its independence hero

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—South America's 19th century independence hero Simon Bolivar was reunited Monday with his controversial and audacious lover at a graveside ceremony.

A coffer containing the symbolic remains of Manuela Saenz, an audacious woman credited with helping Bolivar liberate several South American nations from Spain, was moved alongside Bolivar's tomb in an independence day celebration.

The government of President Hugo Chavez is helping redress Saenz's reputation, portraying her as one of the continent's greatest heroines.

Scorned as immoral and adulterous by some, Saenz spent the last years of her life destitute and her contribution to South America's independence struggle against Spain was largely forgotten after she died during a diphtheria epidemic in 1856. Her body was burned and dumped, along with those of many other victims, in a mass grave in Ecuador.

Chavez and Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa placed earth gathered from the grave where she was buried next to Bolivar's tomb inside the National Pantheon as supporters of the two Latin Ameri-



Children dressed as Venezuela's independence hero Simon Bolivar, center, and his lover Manuela Saenz, right, attend a ceremony to honor Saenz in Caracas, Monday, July 5, 2010. Venezuela

can leaders cheered outside.

A path to the building was covered with rose petals and lined with women soldiers dressed in uniforms like one Saenz once wore. State television broadcast spots stating: "Manuela returns to reunite with Bolivar."

Ramon Torres, Ecuador's ambassador to Venezuela, said the two leftist presidents "paid a historical

debt" by placing Saenz's remains in the pantheon.

Saenz was born in 1797 as the daughter of a Spanish aristocrat in Ecuador. She was forced to marry an Englishman whom she left. She distributed propaganda for the independence movement and later became a highly decorated colonel in the rebel army.

Komorowski win strengthens Polish government

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Poland chose a rival of the late president over his twin brother in a vote seen as a move away from three months of shock, grief and mourning that followed the death of Lech Kaczynski in a plane crash.

Bronislaw Komorowski was declared the winner Monday, meaning his governing pro-business Civic Platform party now has a year of control of both government and the presidency before the next parliamentary elections.

It represents a chance for them to fulfill promises to dismantle some remnants of the old communist-era welfare state. They have pledged to attack privileges ranging from permanent sick leave to low taxes for rich farmers in an attempt to prevent the European debt crisis from spreading to Poland.

The eastern European nation of 38 million people is the largest of the new European Union members and has a vibrant economy that has grown even amid the global downturn. But it is still struggling with legacies from its decades of communist rule, including dilapidated infrastructure and large numbers of unemployed who haven't adjusted well to capitalism—many of

whom draw welfare benefits.

Komorowski was elected for a five-year term, separately from the government, ending three years in which Lech Kaczynski, a social conservative who favored strong welfare protections, used his veto power to stop Prime Minister Donald Tusk from pushing through free market reforms.

Financial investors hope for ambitious moves to bring down the debt and cut welfare spending.

Kazimierz Kik, a political analyst and head of a political sciences institute in Kielce, said that Komorowski's victory gives Tusk and his party the chance "to modernize the country."

"Now nothing stands in the way of reforms promised by Civic Platform," Kik said.

But Maja Goettig, chief economist for Bank BPH in Warsaw, notes that the "political calendar" will put great pressure on Civic Platform to go slow with reforms. Local elections across Poland are planned later this year and new parliamentary elections are expected by the fall of 2011. Going too far with reforms would likely anger many voters and threaten Civic Platform's continued hold on power.

Dutch agency admits mistake in UN climate report

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—A leading Dutch environmental agency, taking the blame for one of the glaring errors that undermined the credibility of a seminal U.N. report on climate change, said Monday it has discovered more small mistakes and urged the panel to be more careful.

But the review by the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency claimed that none of the errors effected the fundamental conclusion by U.N. panel of scientists: that global warming caused by humans already is happening and is threatening the lives and well-being of millions of people.

Mistakes discovered in the 3,000-page report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change last year fed into an atmosphere of skepticism over the reliability of climate scientists who have been warning for many years that human-induced emissions of greenhouse gases could have catastrophic consequences, in-

cluding rising sea levels, drought and the extinction of nearly one-third of the Earth's species.

The errors put scientists on the defensive in the months before a major summit on climate change in Copenhagen in December, which met with only limited success on agreeing how to limit carbon emissions and contain the worst effects of global warming.

The underlying IPCC conclusions remain valid, said Maarten Hajer, the Dutch agency's director. The IPCC report is not a house of cards that collapses with one error, but is more like a puzzle with many pieces that need to fit together. "So the errors do not affect the whole construction," he said at a news conference.

But he said the boiled-down version of the full IPCC report, a synthesis meant as a guideline for policymakers, included conclusions drawn from "expert judgments" that were not always clearly sourced or transparent.

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexican state hit by flooding along Texas border

CIUDAD ACUNA, Mexico (AP)—Hundreds of people were evacuated and a border bridge closed in northern Mexico on Monday after days of rain caused flooding and water to swell behind a dam. Authorities in Coahuila state temporarily closed the border bridge in Ciudad Acuna as a precautionary measure after water released from the Amistad dam raised the level of the Rio Grande. Ciudad Acuna lies across the border from Del Rio, Texas. Coahuila Gov. Humberto Moreira told local media that about 10,000 people had suffered severe damage to their homes or possessions due to the flooding. The release of water from the Amistad dam raised the possibility that river levels could rise downstream in Piedras Negras, a city across the border from Eagle Pass, Texas, and Coahuila authorities evacuated people from settle-

ments near the river as a precaution.

Israeli settlements cover 42 percent of West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP)—An Israeli human rights group says settlements control more than 42 percent of the West Bank. The B'Tselem group also says one-fifth of the land occupied by settlements was seized from private Palestinian landowners. It says much of the confiscation took place after Israel's Supreme Court outlawed the practice in 1979. B'Tselem said Tuesday its report is based on official state documents, including military maps and a military settlement database. B'Tselem said the built-up area of settlements covers about 1 percent of the West Bank's land area, but their municipal jurisdiction and regional councils covers more than 42 percent. Israel's settlements have been a controversial enterprise throughout the decades and a main obstacle to peace-

making with the Palestinians.

Vote shows Mexicans have little faith in any party

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico (AP)—After a Super Sunday of elections across Mexico that was widely seen as a test for the 2012 presidential race and the nation's future, the winner turns out to be—well, not really anyone. President Felipe Calderon's party is weak, the left is in collapse and the Institutional Revolutionary Party that is on a tentative path to recapture the presidency it held for 71 years was shown to be vulnerable. Drug cartel intimidation dissuaded many from voting at all. The mixed outcome in elections across 15 states showed no party has won the faith of Mexicans desperate to bring their country out of a quagmire of economic stagnation and relentless gang wars that have killed more than 23,000 people since Calderon took office three years ago.

Focus

Global workplace productivity not a World Cup goal

BERLIN (AP)—Told they couldn't watch the World Cup on the job, Italian auto workers went on strike—conveniently, a half hour before game time. German companies set up office viewing areas to keep employees from defecting on game days.

And Brazil? Brazil basically shuts down when its team plays, with businesses and schools closed and elective surgery put off so people can be in front of a TV.

The soccer tournament is the world's most watched sporting event, and the fact that it comes around only once every four years is probably fortunate for anyone trying to get some work done.

One study suggests the German economy, Europe's largest, loses more than \$8 billion in productivity, about 0.27 percent of gross domestic product, during the monthlong tournament. Surveys in Britain predict output losses there of \$1.5 billion to \$2.3 billion.

And that's just two of the 214 countries and territories where the 2006 World Cup drew the cumulative viewership of 26 billion people. That's a lot of eyes not on the job.

Some workplaces—particularly government ones—are strictly watching that employees aren't rooting when they should be working. Italy's Renato Brunetta, minister for public administration, even warned government workers ahead of the tournament: "Fun is one thing, work is another."

Many other bosses seem only too happy to allow the World Cup into the workplace—perhaps because they share their subordinates' football obsession. In the Netherlands, whose team knocked Brazil out in the quarterfinals, the entire country's quitting time was unofficially moved forward to 1 p.m. on Friday so fans could watch the game.

Adam Gardner, a 31-year-old custodian at Britain's Cambridge University, said his boss gave him permission to come in early and leave early to root for England—then headed out to watch the game himself.

"A lot of people did. The place was empty," Gardner said.

German insurer Allianz SE set up viewing areas in its Munich offices for Germany's match with Serbia and allowed all interested to watch it—as long as they punched out beforehand so they weren't watching on company time. About 10 percent—1,100 workers—took the company up on the offer.

"It is really motivating if employees are allowed to watch the World Cup during their work day at the company," Allianz spokeswoman Vera Werner said. "Some of the managers also came along to watch the game and they saw it as a way to boost their co-workers' team spirit."

Researchers at Germany's Hohenheim University estimate that the average German will devote 15 minutes of work time daily to the World Cup

through the tournament. That includes watching games, checking scores on the Internet and taking part in office betting pools.

The U.S. is not as swept by football fever as the rest of the world, but the time difference with South Africa means all matches are taking place during America's normal work hours.

Nearly 15 million Americans tuned in to ABC for the team's 2-1 loss to Ghana in extra time, with another 4.5 million watching on the Spanish-language Univision—making it the most-watched men's World Cup game ever in the country.

The World Cup is the fourth-biggest "top productivity sapper" in the U.S., based on a nonscientific ranking of top sporting events carried out by Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a workplace consultancy based in Chicago. The NCAA men's basketball tournament ranked No. 1 and was followed by NFL fantasy football pools and the Super Bowl.

The World Cup is not exclusively an economic drain. Economists say it boosts consumer spending for things

like fan paraphernalia, party supplies and bigger ticket items like wide-screen televisions.

Britain's Centre for Economics and Business Research estimated that despite productivity losses, there will be a net \$2.43 billion short-run boost to that country's GDP in June and July thanks to increased consumer expenditure and business spending on advertising.

South Korean retailer Home Plus is reporting what may be the strangest economic benefit. It credits fans gathered at big outdoor World Cup rallies, unwilling to miss one minute of the action, for driving a 168 percent increase in sales of adult diapers last month.

And even when it comes to work time, cutting employees some slack can pay off for companies. Challenger, Gray & Christmas CEO John Challenger said employers are "more tolerant about letting people do all sorts of personal endeavors" during the work day because employees also do work during what used to be their personal time.

"Work time and personal time have become much more blurred," he said.

Auto information provider Edmunds.com sets up TVs in a large room at the company's Santa Monica, Calif., headquarters. Company President Avi Steinlauf said staffers as free to watch as long as they get their work done, and some bring laptops into the room to do both at once.

The "why fight it" concessions perhaps go furthest in Brazil, where the notion of not allowing workers to watch matches—or in most cases, giving them most of the day off to view it with family and friends—would be met with mass revolt.

For Uruguay's quarterfinal victory over Ghana, government offices shut down at 3 p.m. or simply stopped responding to the public, as did the banking system and most businesses. For its semifinal match against the Netherlands on Tuesday, management and unions "in virtually every company" have agreed to modify shifts so that everyone can watch, said the secretary of Uruguay's powerful metalworkers union, Marcelo Abdala.

Not allowing employees to watch, meanwhile, carries its own risks.

Italy's Fiat said workers at the Termini Imerese plant staged a two-hour strike to protest the company's decision not to allow TVs during Italy's opening game against Paraguay on June 14. The roughly 700 night-shift workers simply walked off the job two hours early—conveniently, a half hour before game time.

Cymtec Systems, a St. Louis-based computer networking company, streamed video to a large central monitor in part so it could keep working.

"If we don't provide it to all our employees, everyone is going to stream to their PCs" and overload the computer system, CEO Andrew Rubin said.



In this July 2, 2010 file photo, Brazilian soccer fans at the central market in Sao Paulo react during a World Cup quarterfinal soccer match between Brazil and Netherlands.

Campus Life

RCS holds musical recital dedicated to Father's Day



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The students of RCS School of Music pose for a souvenir picture after a job well done.

The RCS School of Music held its 4th Musical Recital at the Agape Auditorium on June 19, 2010.

Presented by 44 young students who displayed their talents in singing and playing the piano and guitar, the event was dedicated to Father's Day and was intended to showcase their achievements as they step to another level of music.

The RCS School of Music acknowledged the assistance of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Eucon International School, Pastor Eric Abragan, Pastor Roger Abe, and Nat Angeles who made this event successful. (PR)



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Rachel Ramirez, Alyssa Buenavente, Hanako Shirata, Anne Cruz, and Shandel Cayabab pose with their roses after a wonderful performance.

Summer school hours at WSR library

The William S. Reyes Elementary School is inviting students, parents, and community members to the school's library this summer.

The library will be open Monday to Thursday, from 8am to 2pm, and Saturdays, from 8am to 12pm and

1pm to 3pm.

WSR has a wide range of student, juvenile, and adult literature. The library also has several free Internet-connected computers for patrons' use. Reference library services may also be requested for information

gathering and research.

The William S. Reyes School library is located 600 ft south of the Chalan Kanoa Post Office and Saipan Municipal Council Office on the west side of the Doctor Torres Drive.

Snacks may be provided. (PR)

Feds: Colleges must have blind-friendly gadgets

ATLANTA (AP)—Federal officials are requiring colleges that use Kindles and other electronic book readers in the classroom to make sure the gadgets have accommodations for blind and vision-impaired students.

The U.S. Departments of Justice and Education sent a letter to college and university presidents Tuesday instructing them to find alternatives for blind students if the devices are required in the classroom.

Not doing so would be a violation of federal law, said Russlynn Ali, assistant secretary for civil rights at the Education Department.

"It is unacceptable for universities to use emerging technology without insisting that this technology be accessible to all students," Ali wrote in the joint letter with Thomas E. Perez, assistant U.S. attorney general.

The federal government began examining last year whether the use of

Kindles and other e-readers violated the Americans with Disabilities Act after a blind Arizona State University student sued the campus in June alleging that Kindle's inaccessibility to blind students constituted a violation of federal law.

The lawsuit was settled in January with the help of the National Federation of the Blind and the American Council of the Blind.

Many e-readers have text-to-speech functions, but those don't apply to menus, which means that a blind person would still need help using the device, Ali said.

"The key here is fully accessible, not in-part accessible," Ali told The Associated Press. "Blind users cannot navigate the menu. They couldn't fast forward or even know which book they were reading."

So far, four universities—including Princeton University—testing Amazon's

Kindle in the classroom have struck deals with the Justice Department and agreed to shelve the e-readers until they are fully functional for blind students.

The other campuses are: Pace University in New York, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and Reed College in Portland, Ore.

A settlement is still being worked out with the University of Virginia, Ali said.

Amazon officials did not immediately return a request for comment. The company has said it is working on expanding features of the Kindle to ensure blind people can use them independently.

Ali said the policy also would apply to any K-12 schools wanting to use e-readers in the classroom, but so far only the school district in Clearwater, Fla., has expressed such interest. She said the Education Department is monitoring that district to be sure they meet federal requirements.

New rules bring piracy fight to US campuses

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Starting this month, colleges and universities that don't do enough to combat the illegal swapping of "Avatar" or Lady Gaga over their computer networks put themselves at risk of losing federal funding.

A provision of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 is making schools a reluctant ally in the entertainment industry's campaign to stamp out unauthorized distribution of copyrighted music, movies and TV shows.

Colleges and universities must put in place plans "to effectively combat the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material by users of the institution's network" without hampering legitimate educational and research use, according to regulations that went into effect Thursday.

That means goodbye to peer-to-peer file-sharing on a few campuses—with exceptions for gamers or open-source software junkies—gentle warnings on others and extensive education programs everywhere else.

Despite initial angst about invading students' privacy and doing the entertainment industry's dirty work, college and university officials are largely satisfied with regulations that call for steps many of them put in place years ago.

But whether the investment of time and money will make a dent in digital piracy is uncertain.

"If the university is going to prohibit underage drinking, I think it ought to prohibit anything on the Internet that's illegal, too," said Alicia Richardson, an Illinois State University junior who applauds her school's restrictive policies on file-sharing. "I'm not going to mess with it. I know the consequences."

Among other things, schools must educate their campus communities on the issue and offer legal alternatives to downloading "to the extent practicable."

Colleges and universities that don't comply risk losing their eligibility for federal student aid.

Many colleges worried they would be asked to monitor or block content. But the provision says schools can get a great deal of flexibility, as long as they use at least one "technology-based deterrent."

Their options include taking steps to limit how much bandwidth can be consumed by peer-to-peer networking, monitoring traffic, using a commercial product to reduce or block illegal file sharing or "vigorously" responding to copyright infringement notices from copyright holders.

Almost all campuses already manage bandwidth or vigorously process infringement, or "takedown," notices, said Steven Worona, director of policy and networking programs for Educause, a higher education tech advocacy group.

While the recording industry has backed off its strategy of suing illegal file-sharers, it still sends infringement notices to colleges—a shot across the bow that urges users to delete and disable computer access to unauthorized music to avoid legal action.

"The problem campuses have is that commercial network providers are not doing anything to limit the amount of infringement on their networks or ed-

ucate their customers about copyright law," Worona said. "Every fall, a new cadre of students arrives on campuses who have been engaging in infringing activity since the third grade."

Since October 2008, the Recording Industry Association of America said it has sent 1.8 million infringement notices to commercial internet service providers—and 269,609 to colleges and universities.

RIAA, which represents the major music labels, stressed that the numbers don't necessarily reflect piracy trends, but rather the group's ability to detect it.

College officials argue notices are a flawed measure of illegal activity because it's up to copyright holders whether to send them and that false positives are possible.

RIAA president Cary Sherman said the group can't say whether campus programs are putting a dent in piracy. But he said the threat of a gradually tougher response to repeat violations is working, pointing to the University of California, Los Angeles, as one example.

"We think we're beginning to get to a scale now where it actually can make a difference," he said.

UCLA has developed a system that notifies users by e-mail when the school receives a copyright infringement notice, setting into motion a process that includes a "quarantine" on the computer's Internet access and the student's attendance at an educational workshop. Repeat offenders typically face one-semester suspensions.

Since the workshops started, repeat offenders have virtually disappeared, said Kenn Heller, assistant dean of students. Earlier this year, UCLA also struck a partnership with Clicker Media Inc. to make both university-produced videos and network TV shows, music videos and movies available through its undergraduate student Internet portal.

The Motion Picture Association of America, which also pressed for the legislation, is encouraged by what campuses are doing but it's too early to tell whether it will curb piracy, spokeswoman Elizabeth Kaltman said.

Few campuses have gone as far as Illinois State, which raised eyebrows by seeking and accepting entertainment industry money to underwrite a now-abandoned research project on digital piracy.

The university also blocked all peer-to-peer activity in residence halls and on wireless access points, said Mark Walbert, Illinois State's chief technology officer. Students who use the technology for legal means—like tapping open-source software Linux or downloading World of Warcraft game updates—can get exceptions.

For students seeking legal download options, the school developed BirdTrax, a Web page with links to the free movie and music streaming websites such as Hulu and Pandora.

In 2007, the University of Michigan took a different approach, launching a campus initiative called "BAYU," which stands for "Be Aware You're Uploading." At little cost, the school developed a software program that automatically notifies users of university networks when they are uploading, or sharing files from their computer with users elsewhere.

Life & Style

NYC anglophiles aflutter ahead of queen's visit

NEW YORK (AP)—The biggest clue that New Yorkers were going a little royalty-crazy was when someone stopped Tony Packwood on a city bus after hearing his British accent to ask him if he was here to see the queen.

"Why would I come here to see the queen?" he marveled Monday at the British food shop where he works in Manhattan.

Customers coming to Carry on Tea & Sympathy have been asking about Queen Elizabeth II's upcoming trip to New York City, her first in 34 years. Though her visit is scheduled to last just five hours, her arrival Tuesday morning has sent some anglophiles aflutter.

"The Americans seem to be a lot more psyched than the English," said Packwood, a Liverpool native, surrounded by shelves of specialty teas, Cadbury chocolates and ornate tea pots. A British-flag tea cozy and a mosaic depicting the queen hang nearby.

"We're kind of brought up with it—it's not that big an event. But you guys love it," he said. "We see her every day on our money."

Some New York residents were hoping to catch a glimpse of the 84-year-old monarch, who will be visiting ground zero for the first time and making her first address in over half a century to the U.N. General Assembly.

The New York stop comes after a visit to Canada, where the queen was wrapping up a nine-day trip with a tour of the headquarters of BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion and a din-



Queen Elizabeth receives flowers from Angus Albinati, 4, of Ottawa following the unveiling of a statue of Canadian jazz legend Oscar Peterson at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Canada on Wednesday June 30, 2010.

ner with the prime minister.

Law student Joey Pegram, of Brooklyn, said she wished she could see the queen—just like she did when the monarch's grandson Prince Harry was in New York to play a charity polo match. Pegram said she arrived hours before the match, and ended up with a front-row view when the prince took a tumble from his horse.

A love of British royalty was a staple at her American home growing up, the 24-year-old said. Her mother's deep admiration of Princess Diana and her charitable works made an impression on Pegram.

"There's like a one-in-a-million chance to be born with that," Pegram said Monday. "Some people use it to do good, and some people use it to make scandal. And when people use their lot to do good, it makes me

feel warm inside, I guess."

Next door, at the Tea & Sympathy restaurant attached to the shop, staffers said they too were excited for the queen's visit.

"I do have a lot of respect for the queen. I think she's quite cool," said waitress Natasha Kaser, originally from Thakeham Village in West Sussex.

Kaser did admit that most of her knowledge of the royal family came from what she called "trashy magazines."

"I love photos of when she was young," Kaser said. "She was so beautiful."

The queen's speech at the United Nations could remind some people of those younger times. She was 31 years old when she last addressed the U.N. in 1957—four years after she was crowned queen and a little more than a decade after

Cost of the queen: less than \$1 per person a year

LONDON (AP)—Like millions of her subjects, Queen Elizabeth II is going to have to make do and mend—cutting spending and putting off palace repairs as royal finances are squeezed by Britain's budget crisis.

Accounts published Monday by Buckingham Palace reveal the total public cost of supporting the monarchy was 38.2 million pounds (\$57.8 million) in the year to March 31, the equivalent of 62 pence (94 cents) per person. The total is more than 3 million pounds less than in 2008-2009.

Britain's public sector is facing cuts as the government tries to eliminate a record def-

icit, and Alan Reid, Keeper of the Privy Purse, said the royal household "is acutely aware of the difficult economic climate" and will be cutting costs and putting off essential maintenance.

The 84-year-old queen receives 7.9 million pounds (\$12.3 million) of public money each year to pay for staff and other costs, an amount that has not risen in 20 years. The accounts show also drew an extra 6.5 million pounds (\$9.8 million) from a reserve fund built up over the years by saving portions of her allocated budget.

If the queen continues to use money from her reserve at the current rate, the fund will

run out by 2012—the year she celebrates her 60th year on the throne.

She had been expected to ask for an increase in basic funding this year, but the government—which is bringing in deep cuts to welfare payments and spending programs—imposed a freeze until at least next year.

The accounts show the government spent more than 15 million pounds (\$23.4 million) on the upkeep of royal residences including Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, and almost 4 million pounds (\$6.2 million) on royal travel. Both amounts were down from the previous year.

the organization officially came into existence.

This time, she was expected to appeal for world unity and peace. A former aide said that although the speech will contain some of her thoughts, it will have been penned with government officials.

Accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, the queen also was to lay a wreath at the

former site of the World Trade Center to pay tribute to victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks. She also was to open the British Garden of Remembrance in nearby Hanover Square to honor the 67 British citizens killed on 9/11.

The somber itinerary seems unlikely to dampen the excitement among her admirers.

Stephanie Heitman, a Tea & Sympathy waitress originally

from Colchester, England, said she hopes to get permission from her boss to sneak out to try to catch a glimpse of the queen.

Her suggestion for an addition to the monarch's itinerary make it clear that the 27-year-old's years living in New York have rubbed off on her.

"She should go to a baseball game," Heitman said. "She should go support the Mets."

Eating champ leaves NY jail after hot dog fracas

NEW YORK (AP)—Japanese eating champion Takeru Kobayashi, arrested at a July Fourth hot dog-eating contest, was freed Monday after a night in jail, looking a little weary and saying he was hungry.

Kobayashi, wearing a black T-shirt bearing the message "Free Kobi" in green letters, was freed by a Brooklyn judge after he pleaded not guilty. The slim, boyish 32-year-old said he consumed only a sandwich and some milk in jail.

A contract dispute had kept Kobayashi out of Sunday's annual Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest, but he showed up anyway.

"I was there as a spectator, just to cheer on my buddies," he said through an interpreter outside court Monday. Fans chanted for him, and "in the heat of it, I jumped on the stage, hoping they would let me eat."

His attorney, Mario D. Romano, said his client was waved up onstage after spectators began chanting "Let him eat!"



Six-time hot dog-eating contest champion Takeru Kobayashi, center, is joined by his attorney Mario D. Romano, left, and interpreter Maggie James as he speaks to reporters after leaving Brooklyn Criminal Court, Monday, July 5, 2010, in New York.

"Shortly after he got on the stage, he was grabbed from behind by officers," Romano said.

Kobayashi was charged with obstruction of governmental administration, resisting arrest, trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Kobayashi, who's currently living in New York, had refused to sign a contract with Major League Eating, the fast food

equivalent of the NFL. On his Japanese-language blog, he said he wanted to be free to enter contests sanctioned by other groups.

But a few days ago, he told Japan's Kyodo News: "I really want to compete in the (Coney Island) event."

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut, of San Jose, Calif., won by downing 54 hot dogs in 10 minutes.

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Augustin Celis

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ately after at the Joeten

Daidai Social Hall.

*Kindly join us
Maria Muna Celis
and family*



NEW YORK (AP)—One of Richard Avedon's most defining photographs is of a willowy model adorned in a Dior evening gown, a silk sash cascading down her slender leg, striking a dramatic pose against a row of circus elephants.

It is signature Avedon. Dramatic but playful, an image shot on a hot summer day in 1955 at the Cirque d'Hiver in Paris.

An exhibition-size print of the famous picture, "Dovima with elephants," will be sold this fall in Paris, together with more than 60 other photographs, Christie's auction house said Friday. It is estimated to sell for \$500,000 to \$700,000 (euro 400,000 to 600,000). The total Avedon collection is expected to bring \$3.7 million to \$6 million (euro 3 million to 5 million).

New York-based Avedon Foundation, the largest repository of Avedon works, is for the first time selling photographs from its archive to establish an endowment to promote the work and legacy of the master fashion photographer and portraitist of such famous people as Marilyn Monroe, the Beatles and Malcolm X.

The foundation and Christie's said it was the largest number of Avedon works to ever come on the market.

Avedon, whose career spanned 60 years, died in 2004 at the age of 81 while on assignment in Texas for The New Yorker. He is famous for creating ultra-choreographed tableaux that seem serendipitous, with elegantly attired models leaping, jumping and dancing across the page. His influence in the fashion world was immense and helped pave the era of the supermodel through his work with Jean Shrimpton, Veruschka and Twiggy.

The Nov. 20 sale will be in Paris, a city with whom the native New Yorker had a decades-long connection, shooting couture collections for Harper's Bazaar and Vogue. It will coincide with the monthlong Photo Paris festival.

Christie's made the announcement to The Associated Press before the Rencontres d'Arles photography extravaganza of exhibitions and events in the south of France next week.

"Richard Avedon is by any standards a towering figure in the story of photography," said Philippe Garner, Christie's head of 20th-century decorative arts and photographs. "His work has power, authority and intensity, very distinctive signature."

He called "Dovima"—the name of one of Avedon's favorite models—"absolutely emblematic of that kind of flair, that pizzazz he injected into fashion photography."

Paul Roth, executive director of the Avedon Foundation, said the "Dovima" was the crown jewel of the sale—and the largest exhibition print of the image ever made. Measuring 88 inches (224 centimeters) by 60 inches (152 centimeters), it was shown on the national tour of Avedon's 1978 Metropolitan Museum of Art fashion retrospective. It was also the print that for two decades greeted visitors to Avedon's New York City studio.

Avedon left strict instructions detailing the foundation's purpose. It was established a year after his death "as his intended vehicle for continuing his legacy" and supporting

Richard Avedon photos headed to Paris auction

By ULA ILNYTZKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER



This August 1955 photo titled "Dovima with Elephants" by Ricahrd Avedon, was released by Christie's Auction House in New York, Friday, July 2, 2010.

visual arts and photographic education, Roth said.

In a 1973 interview, Avedon said, "There's always been a separation between fashion and what I call my 'deeper' work. Fashion is where I make my living. ... Then there's the deeper pleasure of doing my portraits."

People from Marilyn Monroe to Michael Moore coveted having their portraits taken by the photographer, whose signature style was known simply as "The Avedon Look"—unsparing, often unsmiling shots of his subjects against a minimalist white background.

A very small vintage print of a pensive-looking Monroe in a sequined dress taken in 1957 is among the portraits at Christie's. The auction house predicted it would sell for \$100,000 to \$150,000 (euro 80,000 to 120,000).

Among Avedon's other works was a series of images of the civil rights movement. It includes a large photo of Malcolm X, an out-of-focus print from 1963 that was made expressly for Avedon's retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art in 1993. Christie's estimates it will sell for \$10,000 to \$15,000 (€8,000 to €12,000).

Avedon's Beatles portfolio, a group of four psychedelic color pictures of each of the Fab Four made at the height of their fame in the late 1960s, is another highlight of the sale. He created nine editions of the portfolio, one of which set an Avedon auction record at a 2005 Christie's sale, bringing \$464,000 (€383,471). The one at the upcoming sale has a pre-sale estimate of \$300,000 to \$500,000 (€250,000 to €350,000).

Jam said to be made from Princess Di's hair

LONDON (AP)—The royal hair? Jam made from what its maker claims is one of Princess Diana's hairs is up for sale at an art exhibition in London.

The preserve, called "occult jam," is part of a surrealist art show at London's Barbican Art Gallery that includes exhibits by Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte. The 5-pound-a-jar (\$7.60) jam is both art and food, Sam Bompas, who founded catering company Bompas and Parr, said Sunday.

He said the preserve is made by infusing a tiny speck of the late princess of Wales' hair with gin, which is then combined with milk and sugar to create a product with a taste resembling condensed milk.

The hair was bought on eBay for \$10 from a U.S. dealer who collects what he says is celebrity hair and sells it in extremely tiny parts.

The art show's organizers asked his company to come up with a response in food to the exhibition's surrealist theme. Bompas said he decided to make the bizarre product to provoke people into thinking about food marketing and how language enhances the everyday eating experience, he said.

"We thought about it and the most mundane food of all is jam. So we made it a surreal object," he said.

Self-styled "food architects," past projects included a banquet consisting entirely of gelatine molds shaped like architectural landmarks.

In another, they gave audiences at a screening of Peter Greenaway's film "The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover" scratch-and-sniff cards that evoked smells from key scenes in the movie.

Merwin is named US poet laureate

By JEANNINE STEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—To his two Pulitzer Prizes and his National Book Award, poet W.S. Merwin can add one more prize: United States poet laureate.

The Library of Congress announced last week that the much-lauded poet will follow Kay Ryan as the nation's 17th laureate. Although the post comes with an annual salary of \$35,000, it has no formal requirements, but it is presumed to bring poetry more to the forefront in American culture.

"I always shied away from commitments to Washington—I like living in Hawaii," said Merwin, 82, from his home on Maui. "I generally make a couple of trips a year and do some readings, but I think we worked out a way that this is going to work, and there are some places for it to expand."

As for the public responsibilities of the position, he says that it will be a challenge: "I don't have e-mail, and I don't want it. And I don't like saying no to people—I do like leading a very quiet life. I'd rather not do sound bites, but have real conversations with people."

"He is an undeniable presence in the world of poetry," said Michael Wieg-



Merwin

ers, executive editor at Copper Canyon Press, who has been Merwin's editor for 17 years. "It's a public position, and knowing William as I do, he likes his privacy and protects it. I thought—would he even accept the position? Despite all the awards and accolades, he's an incredibly humble man."

Merwin was born in New York and grew up in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He attended Princeton University, where he studied with poet John Berryman. He

moved to Hawaii in 1976 to study Zen Buddhism, and he has lived there ever since. His embrace of Buddhism and Hawaii are reflected in his poetry.

He lives with his third wife, Paula Schwartz, on a former pineapple plantation, where he has spent years restoring the property and raising endangered palm trees. The plantation has more than 700 palms that he planted, some of them very rare. "I think the natural world is what is right in front of you," Merwin said. "You don't have to go to natural parks or something, just look in your backyard and you'll find plants and bugs."

When Merwin was very young, he met poet Ezra Pound, who suggested he take up translation, which he did. And despite his long career as a poet, those beginnings seem to still be a part of him. Wiegiers says that at a recent fundraiser that featured Merwin reading his poetry, an intern was handing out name tags to guests. She handed one to Merwin that read, "W.S. Merwin, poet." "He looked at it," Wiegiers said, "and said, 'I wish it had said translator.'"

The son of a Presbyterian minister, Merwin began writing hymns at age 5 and decided to become a poet in college. "It was impossible to think of be-

ing a poet then," he said, "much weirder than it is now."

As poet laureate, Merwin would like to make poetry more accessible to the public and help people rediscover their joy of verse. "Most people you bump into on the street will tell you they never read poetry," he said, "and if you ask them why they'll say they don't understand it. I tell them, don't worry about understanding it, listen to it for pleasure. Very often all people have to do is hear it—if they hear poetry, they get it."

That, Merwin added, is why he eventually stopped using punctuation in his poetry. "The moment you drop the punctuation," he explained, you have to hear it. So many times people said to me they didn't get anywhere with my poetry until they read it out loud."

James Billington, the Librarian of Congress who ultimately chooses the poet laureate, notes that part of what makes Merwin's work unique is not only his love of nature and vast knowledge of history and mythology, but also how he incorporates those subjects into his poetry.

"His poetry," Billington said, "is a rich mix of influences all put together in a very original way and profound poetic style. I think he's reached a stage where he's almost universally admired. His poetry continues to grow and, and I think his poet laureateship will broaden the audience for poetry."

It's total 'Eclipse' at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“The Twilight Saga: Eclipse” has risen to an \$82.5 million haul over the long Fourth of July weekend and lifted its total to \$175.3 million after just six days, according to studio estimates Monday.

The vampire romance from Summit Entertainment finished at No. 1 over the four-day weekend, despite a steep drop in its daily take after a \$68.5 million start last Wednesday, the second biggest opening day ever.

“Movies that pop this big on opening day, it's virtually impossible to keep up that break-neck pace,” said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. “We've seen this with a lot of movies where the first day is their biggest day, then it kind of settles into a more normal pattern.”

1. **“The Twilight Saga: Eclipse,”** \$82.5 million.
2. **“The Last Airbender,”** \$53.2 million.
3. **“Toy Story 3,”** \$42.2 million.
4. **“Grown Ups,”** \$26.5 million.
5. **“Knight and Day,”** \$14 million.
6. **“The Karate Kid,”** \$11.5 million.
7. **“The A-Team,”** \$4.3 million.
8. **“Get Him to the Greek,”** \$1.7 million.
9. **“Shrek Forever After,”** \$1.3 million.
10. **“Cyrus,”** \$1 million.

Coming in second for the weekend with \$53.2 million from Friday to Monday was Paramount's action fantasy “The Last Airbender,” pushing its total to \$70.5 million since opening Thursday. The movie did strong business despite terrible reviews.

Disney's Pixar Animation blockbuster “Toy Story 3,” which had been No. 1 the two previous weekends, slipped to third-place with \$42.2 million, raising its domestic total to \$301.1 million.

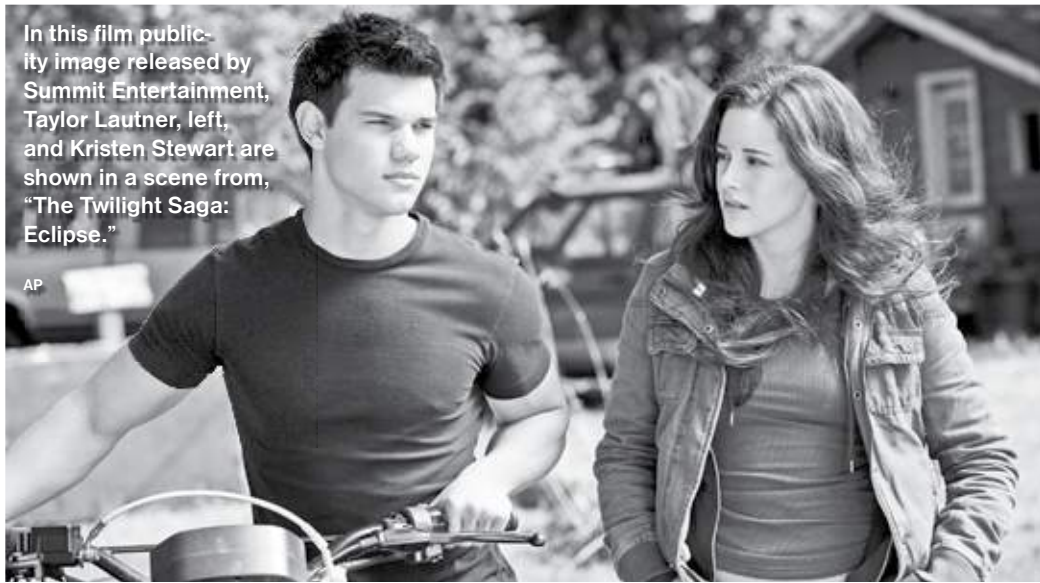
“Toy Story 3” shot past last year's “Up” at \$293 million to become the No. 2 hit for Pixar, behind only “Finding Nemo” at \$339.7 million.

“Eclipse” waned after its huge opening day, with Summit lowering projections for the movie through the weekend. On Sunday, the company was expecting a \$181 million total for the movie's first six days, but revenues came in nearly \$6 million lower.

“The Last Airbender” was adapted from the cartoon TV series about a youth whose mys-

In this film publicity image released by Summit Entertainment, Taylor Lautner, left, and Kristen Stewart are shown in a scene from, “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse.”

AP



‘Bella’s dad,’ aka actor Billy Burke, still gets spotted

By MADELEINE MARR
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Billy Burke was prepared for “Twilight” fever.

The 43-year-old actor, who has played Bella's father, Charlie Swan, in all three of the films—the third movie, “Eclipse,” opened Wednesday—had a feeling that a little camouflage would help keep the teenage fans at bay.

“I had a suspicion when I read the script and saw what the books were doing it would have an audience,” says Burke by phone from Los Angeles. “My porn ‘stache was part of the plan. I thought, do I want to be recognized every day of my life? How do I alleviate that?”

Nonetheless, Burke, who is married with a daughter who

turns 2 next month, still gets stopped at airports and other public spots. “Kids are very savvy,” acknowledges Burke, who has played cops in the thrillers “Untraceable” and “Fracture” and a Secret Service agent in “Along Came A



Burke

Spider.” “I'll notice they'll poke at their mom, then the whole thing starts. No one could have predicted the cultural phenomenon ‘Twilight’ has become.”

No time to rest, either: Burke is doing double duty, promoting the movie as well as his country-bluesy album, “Removed” (listen to a sample at billyburke.net).

“I thought it would be a good idea to piggyback the two, and it turns out I was right,” says the Washington State native. “It's been a whirlwind. I get probably four

to five hours a night. Sleep is my friend; it's been rough.”

But a working actor can't complain.

“You spend so much time in this lifestyle bored, posing a danger to yourself, it's better this way,” he says with a laugh. “I'd rather be busy than not.”

Next up: filming TNT's new series, “Rizolli & Isles”—he's back playing an FBI agent—and gearing up to promote the dark comedy with Nicolas Cage, “Drive Angry,” in which Burke plays a cult leader. The character is a mix of “Jim Jones, Jim Morrison and a little Louis Cypher,” says Burke, who wore prosthetic nails this go-around.

Working with Cage was great. “He's such a gentle, sweet guy who is genuinely interested in the outcome of the movie,” says Burke, whose teen fans may be rubbing off on him. “It was dope.”

In limited release, Fox Searchlight's acclaimed comedy “Cyrus” took in \$1 million and broke into the top-10 playing at just 77 theaters, compared to a record 4,468 for “Eclipse.”

“Cyrus” stars John C. Reilly as a divorced man in a bizarre love triangle—battling for the heart of a woman (Marisa Tomei) with her grown son (Jonah Hill), a needy mama's boy.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Monday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Tuesday.

3 rare photos give glimpse of Elvis, Graceland

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Elvis Presley archivists have found three rare photos dating back more than 50 years that show the young singer greeting fans at the gates of Graceland.

Negatives of the photos were discovered as archivists pored through a vast collection of documents from the office of Vernon Presley, Elvis' father. The office is a stop on the daily tour of Graceland, Elvis' Memphis estate.

Angie Marchese, director of archives at Elvis Presley Enterprises, said the negatives

were tucked in a small envelope with no writing on it. Archivists scanned the negatives, and research revealed the photos were taken in 1957.

The three photos of the 22-year old performer have never been published, Marchese said, but a fourth picture from the same series has appeared on a limited basis in publications focusing on Elvis.

The black-and-white pictures give a glimpse of a young Elvis' connection with his fans, just as his hit “All Shook Up” was enjoy-

ing a run at No. 1 on the charts.

The photos show Elvis with his black pompadour, a jacket and long pants. Fans are standing at the closed gates and perched along the wall and brick columns that surround Graceland. Some fans are sticking pieces of paper through the gates for Elvis to sign, and one photo shows Elvis apparently signing something.

Marchese said other photos and home movies in the archives show an older Elvis interacting with fans at Grace-

land, but the newly discovered pictures show the singer making time for his adoring public early in his career.

“It's really quite amazing that they weren't in our database already and we had never seen them before,” Marchese said.

Marchese said the photos were taken shortly after Elvis bought the mansion and the gates were installed as a security measure.

The pictures will be displayed at a Graceland exhibit beginning Thursday, through the end of Elvis Week on Aug. 16.

Husband is way out of line posting sex photos online

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: “Aaron” and I have been married five years, and I have always tried to keep our sex life “spicy.” Letting him take private X-rated photos and videos of me seemed fun at the time.

I recently learned that my “private” photos and videos have been on the Internet and shared with Aaron's buddies, co-workers and friends. I am shocked, embarrassed and hurt. When I confronted him, he said, “You're beautiful, and I enjoy sharing you with other guys!” I was dumbfounded at his response. I have tried talking to him, and he just doesn't see my objections.

Every time I see one of our friends, I wonder if Aaron has shared my “beauty” with him. I'm too embarrassed to talk to my minister about this. I have lost my trust in my husband and don't know what I should do now.

X-POSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR X-POSED: What your husband has done is the equivalent of inviting his buddies, co-workers, friends, etc. into your bedroom during your most intimate moments. Your trust was violated and your feelings are understandable. That he would disregard your feelings in the matter is, frankly, shocking.

What you should do now is contact a licensed marriage counselor to figure out if, with professional help, you can help your immature and insensitive husband reorganize his priorities.

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DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago I was in love with “Connie,” a girl who was my best friend and soul mate. We had so much in common. Connie was chubby—not fat, just not a size 3.

Being 22 at the time, I became infatuated with “Lisa,” who was a size 3. Lisa was also jealous, insecure and still tied to her mother. I snapped one day and left her—the smartest thing I have ever done.

By then, of course, Connie had moved on, and I deeply regret my wandering eye, lack of sensitivity and misplaced values. My life would be so much happier had I done what was right instead of being stupid.

Connie, I am told, is happily married, and I would not wreck her marriage. I have remained single. I don't know if you can offer me advice, but if my experience can help another young man to recognize the beauty within, he will be happier than I am.

WISER NOW IN OHIO

DEAR WISER NOW: You are not the first man to wind up with indigestion from too much arm candy. But this happened 20 years ago and you have grown since then. It's time to stop punishing yourself and open yourself to new possibilities. There are many out there. Trust me on that.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister is showing signs of Alzheimer's, but she is in denial and refuses to face the issue. I would like to get her medical help. Our mother had the disease and my sister is probably scared. Any advice?

BIG BROTHER IN FLORIDA

DEAR BIG BROTHER: If your sister is without a spouse or children, her doctor should be notified about your concerns. You also need to talk to her, to ensure that she has an advance directive for health care and powers of attorney in place in the event that she “might” become unable to make decisions for herself.

While the thought of preparing these documents can be scary, NOT having them is far scarier should any incapacitating health-care crisis arise. This needs to be done while your sister still has the capacity to make rational decisions.

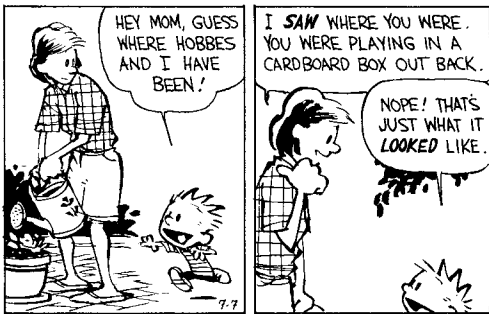
The Alzheimer's Association can be a valuable resource in a situation like this, so please don't hesitate to contact it. The toll-free, 24-hour helpline is (800) 272-3900. The website is www.alz.org.

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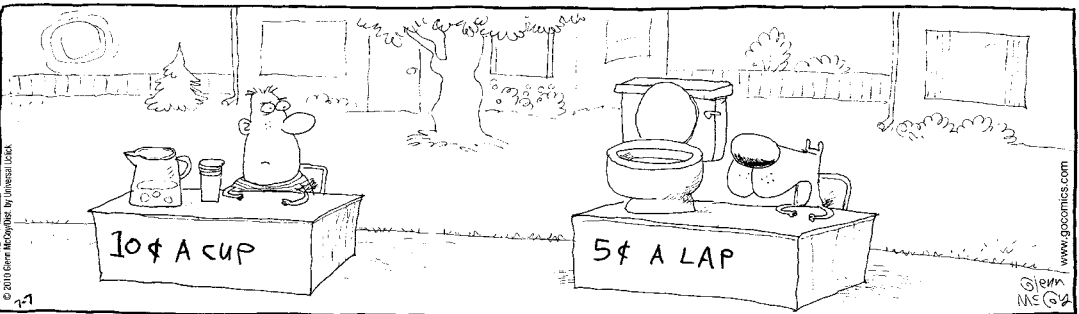
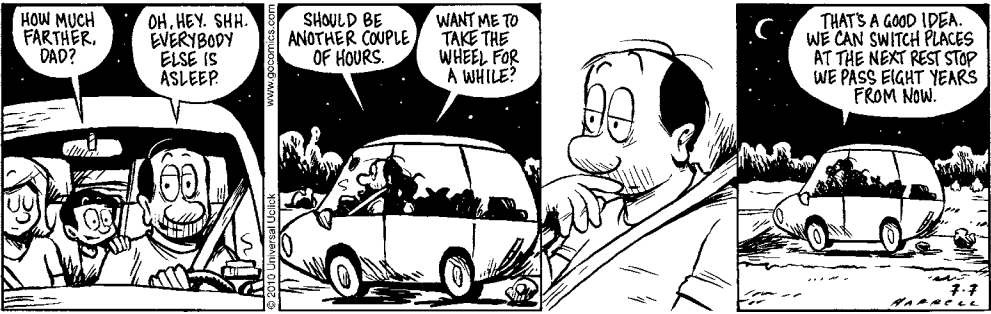


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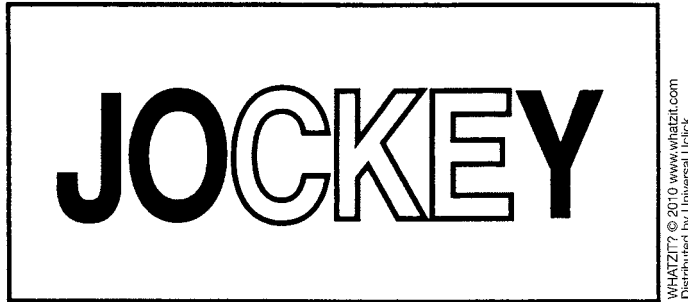
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Stoudemire agrees to sign with Knicks



NEW YORK (AP)—Amare Stoudemire is headed to the New York Knicks, and both sides are hoping he's not coming alone.

The Knicks said Monday they intend to sign Stoudemire to a contract later this week when the free agent moratorium period ends. Stoudemire's agent, Happy Walters, said the deal is for the maximum allowed, which would be nearly \$100 million over five years.

Wearing a blue Knicks hat, Stoudemire said he looked forward to rebuilding a franchise and bringing the Knicks back to the top—maybe with a player such as LeBron James or Dwyane Wade with him.

"I feel great about being a pioneer and showing my leadership," he said at Madison Square Garden, where signs throughout the entrances showed the player pictured in a Knicks uniform and reading "Welcome, Amare Stoudemire."

The deal can't be signed until Thursday, after the salary cap for next season has been set.

It was a desperately needed score in free agency for the Knicks, who spent two seasons clearing enough cap space to afford two top players. They met with James, Wade and Chris Bosh last week and believe they could still land one of them.

Stoudemire has already started recruiting, saying he spoke to James' people and directly to Wade last week. And he said he won't be affected if those players say no to New York.

"Totally comfortable, totally confident that my leadership qualities will uplift all of us to do something great this upcoming season," Stoudemire said. "So again, the Knicks are back."

The move reunites Stoudemire with Mike D'Antoni, his former coach in Phoenix. Stoudemire averaged more than 20 points in every season they were together and immediately becomes the best player D'Antoni has coached since leaving the Suns after the 2007-08 season.

"He's a dominant offensive player for sure, in a variety of ways," D'Antoni said.

Stoudemire's days with the Suns ended late last week when the team agreed to \$48 million worth of deals with forwards Hakim Warrick and Channing Frye. The sides had discussed an extension, but the Suns looked elsewhere after they'd reached a stalemate.

Stoudemire said he understood owner Robert Sarver's position and wasn't disrespected by the Suns' refusal to give him a max deal that would have paid him millions more. He said he's always loved New York and wanted to play here since the Knicks passed on him in the 2002 draft.

He finally got to Broadway by becoming the first big player in this much-hyped free agent class to change teams. The other top players could announce their decisions later in the week, and perhaps they might take a second look at New York now that there's another huge piece in place.

"No one wanted to make the first move and I feel confident enough to take that first step and hopefully now we can bring a few guys in to join me," Stoudemire said.

The Knicks decided they no lon-



Amare Stoudemire poses outside Madison Square Garden on Monday, July 5, 2010, in New York. Stoudemire

ger needed to wait on an answer from Bosh, especially because Stoudemire showed such a commitment to New York. They even gave him the longest contract allowable without knowing if it could be insured because of Stoudemire's injury history that includes microfracture knee surgery and a partially detached retina.

"I think to a degree the fact that Amare really wanted to come here, stepped up front, it got to the point where we had to acknowledge that and say that means something to us," Knicks president Donnie Walsh said.

Walsh said Stoudemire's arrival didn't necessarily mean the end for David Lee, the Knicks' own All-Star free

agent who plays the same position. Lee could also be used in a sign-and-trade, though Walsh indicated he hadn't received any good proposals in discussions with Lee's agent.

Stoudemire has career averages of 21.4 points and 8.9 rebounds and helped the Suns reach the Western Conference finals this season. D'Antoni

called him "probably one of the best, if not the best finisher in the league" and dismissed the notion that their relationship was strained in Phoenix.

"We had no problem," D'Antoni said. "I had four great years. The reason I have a very good contract in New York is Amare doing what he did for me. So I can't have any animosity and don't, and he was great."

The question now is can he help land James.

They could have ended up together in February, when the Suns considered trading Stoudemire to Cleveland before the Cavaliers instead took a deal with Washington for Antawn Jamison.

Stoudemire would instantly become the best teammate James has ever had in the NBA, but James would have to leave behind his hometown team and the extra \$30 million the Cavaliers could pay him for the partnership to happen now.

"Playing with LeBron would be great," Stoudemire said. "But again, I'm not sure what his decision is and where he's leaning. If he's leaning more toward New York, then that's a great start for us."

For a team mired in a franchise-worst stretch of nine straight losing seasons, Stoudemire alone is a good start. The Knicks can finally trot out a superstar again in front of Spike Lee—who was on hand as Stoudemire met the media—and the rest of the home fans.

"It's the first step," Walsh said. "It's a big step, because it's a big guy."

Armstrong joins spills in Tour's 2nd stage



SPA, Belgium

(AP)—On a day of chaos and crashes, riders tumbled like dominoes in the rain and

littered the road in a scene Lance Armstrong called "surreal."

The seven-time champion did not escape the mayhem at the Tour de France on Monday. He was left searching for his bike, nursing scrapes and bruises to his hip and elbow and joking about the decision to come out of retirement.

He was in good company, joining dozens of riders who hit the asphalt on a slippery downhill run some likened to ice skating.

Sylvain Chavanel of France was among few to avoid trouble. He sped to victory after breaking away early in the 125-mile trip from Brussels to Spa and taking the yellow jersey from Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara. With the pack banged-up, he finished nearly four minutes ahead.

With so many riders down in crashes, organizers said they briefly considered canceling the stage altogether. But under the race rules, the spills were too spread out to warrant a cancellation.

Armstrong returned to the RadioShack team bus with his team outfit torn and a bloody scrape on his thigh. His team said he also injured his elbow but otherwise was all right.

"You had people everywhere. It was surreal. When I got back on my bike ... I saw crash, after crash, after crash," Armstrong said, noting riders laid out on the ground. "It was like war."

Chavanel began the stage in 87th

place and knocked everyone on the leaderboard down a notch: Cancellara dropped to second, 2 minutes, 57 seconds behind. Germany's Tony Martin is third, 3:07 back.

Armstrong sits fifth, 3:19 back, and defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain is seventh, 3:24 behind. The Spanish two-time Tour winner bruised his right hip, knee and elbow but was expected to start Tuesday.

Some riders believed a motorcycle crash in the race caravan before the pack passed left oil on the road, creating an especially slick mix with the rain.

On the descent from the midlevel Stockeu Pass, Armstrong, Contador and 2009 runner-up Andy Schleck all went down. Armstrong said he knew he was not badly hurt, but he did have other concerns.

"I knew I was fine," he said. "My first thought was: 'Where is my bike?' I tried to find my bike. You know in the rain these guys are very good downhill. I'm not one of them. But even the good ones, with something like that: No chance. Absolutely no chance."

Everybody finished, except French rider Mickael Delage, who slammed into a road barrier early in the stage. The Omega Pharma-Lotto rider was taken to hospital with a concussion, a broken bone in his face and shoulder, knee and hand injuries.

Scrapes and bruises were reported by the dozens, and nearly every team was affected. Some riders estimated at least half the 194-rider peloton had fallen. A post-stage medical report listed 23 as at least slightly injured during the day.

On the Garmin-Transitions team

alone, Americans Tyler Farrar and Christian Vande Velde and Julian Dean of New Zealand were taken to a hospital for evaluation.

"Riding downhill was almost like ice skating," said Johan Bruyneel, the RadioShack manager and Armstrong's longtime mentor. Teammates Andreas Kloeckner and Levi Leipheimer fell. "Almost half of the peloton crashed today," Bruyneel said.

The spills wreaked havoc on organizers and riders alike. Some took longer to rejoin the race than others.

After Schleck dropped several minutes back of the pack—threatening his Tour title ambitions—the main bunch appeared to slow down, with his Saxo Bank teammate Cancellara at the front.

Between Schleck, under an escort from his older brother and teammate Frank, and Chavanel's group at the front, confusion broke out in the pack about how to respond in a sporting and competitive way.

"There was a group up the road, we didn't know what to do," Armstrong said. "The Schlecks were behind, some other guys were behind. It was sort of a conflict about what to do then."

Contador said he ordered his Astana team to wait.

With so many riders downed in the crashes, the thought of canceling the stage altogether briefly crossed the minds of race organizers, the course director said. But under the race rules, the spills were too spread out to warrant a cancellation.

Cancellara, who as race leader can act as spokesman for the pack, asked Tour organizers not to award points for a final sprint out of respect for the fall-

en riders, course director Jean-Francois Pescheux said. Tour organizers called it a show of good sportsmanship.

That request, made with just 1.2 miles left, was honored by the race jury and, in effect, slowed the finish. The decision will have deprived some sprinters of points in the competition for the green jersey, which is awarded to the race's best sprinter.

"There was no reason to not contest the sprint today," said two-time green jersey winner Thor Hushovd of Norway. "Everyone made a gentleman's agreement not to sprint, but I lost an important opportunity to try to win the stage and gain points."

Armstrong was already lucky to have avoided six crashes in Sunday's first stage. The mishaps have injected drama into the first week of racing even before its most dreaded test: Tuesday's run on seven patches of cobblestones.

The third stage takes the pack over the bone- and bike-jarring cobbles during the 132-mile ride from Wanze Arenberg to Porte du Hainaut.

Armstrong has predicted "carnage" on his Twitter account—and that was before the disorder of the last two days.

Armstrong, who returned to the Tour last year after a 3 1/2-year retirement, got a handy reminder of the treachery that often lurks early in the three-week race. Many sprinters are eager to win a stage, and the pack can get antsy and nervous. It's all a far cry from Armstrong's easier life as a retiree.

"Almost all day, I wondered why I came off the beach," Armstrong cracked, reiterating that this Tour will be his last. "But I'll be back at it tomorrow."

Rays rally from 4 down to beat Red Sox



**ST. PETERS-
BURG, Florida**
(AP)—Tampa Bay

rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Boston Red Sox 6-5 on Monday in a clash of American League East rivals.

Tampa's John Jaso drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the sixth that made it 5-5 and ended the night for Boston starter Daisuke Matsuzaka. Jason Bartlett's sacrifice fly off Ramon Ramirez (0-2) then drove in pinch-runner B.J. Upton for the go-ahead run.

Randy Choate (2-2) struck out the only batter he faced—bailing the Rays out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the seventh—to get the win.

Tampa Bay closer Rafael Soriano got the final three outs for his 22nd save in 23 opportunities.

Eric Patterson, acquired last month to provide depth for an injury-depleted Red Sox roster, hit two solo home runs.

Yankees 3, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Mark Teixeira hit a solo homer to help New York beat Oakland and notch a third straight win.

Teixeira got his sixth homer in a month, Curtis Granderson had an RBI triple and Francisco Cervelli added an RBI single for the Yankees, who increased their lead in the AL East to two games over Tampa Bay, with Boston dropping to third.

New York starter Javier Vazquez (7-7) ended a three-start winless stretch.

Oakland starter Ben Sheets (3-8) has just one win in his past 11 outings. He gave up eight hits in a season-best 7 1-3 innings.

White Sox 9, Angels 2

In Chicago, Carlos Quentin hit two late home runs to lift Chicago over Los Angeles.

Dayan Viciedo and Alexei Ramirez also homered for the White Sox. It was Viciedo's first major league homer.

Chicago starter Gavin Floyd (4-7) pitched seven solid innings, giving up only one run, and won consecutive starts for the first time this season. He has only allowed six earned runs in his past six starts.

Angels starter Scott Kazmir (7-8) lost his third straight start. He was tagged for seven runs.

Indians 9, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Cleveland's Matt LaPorta hit a two-run homer, then later took an accidental elbow to the head and left the game as the Indians beat Texas.

LaPorta homered in the top of the third, but the first baseman sustained a bruise on his head in the bottom half. LaPorta was down for several minutes. He remained in the game for the rest of the inning and was replaced in the fourth.

Jayson Nix homered twice and rookie Carlos Santana also connected for the Indians.

Cleveland's Joe Smith (1-1) allowed two hits in 1 2-3 innings of scoreless relief for his first major league victory.

Texas' Omar Beltre (0-1) lost in his second big league start.

Royals 6, Mariners 4, 10 innings

In Seattle, Kansas City's Yuniesky Betancourt's broke a 10th-inning tie with



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, slides in ahead of the tag by Tampa Bay Rays catcher John Jaso during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, July 5, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla. AP

a two-out RBI single to lift Kansas City over Seattle.

Mitch Maier tripled off Chad Cordero (0-1) with two outs in the 10th, just the fifth extra-base hit for the Royals this month. Betancourt, traded to the Royals by Seattle last season, then singled the winner.

Cordero's wild pitch then allowed Betancourt to advance to second and he scored on Scott Podsednik's bloop single.

Kyle Farnsworth (2-0) worked one inning for the win. Joakim Soria earned his league-leading 23rd save.

Russell Branyan had a two-run home run for the Mariners. Alberto Callaspo had two hits and two RBIs for the Royals, while David DeJesus had two hits and scored three runs.

Tigers 12, Orioles 9

In Detroit, Brandon Inge drove in four runs and Carlos Guillen knocked in three as Detroit outscored Baltimore early and held on.

The Tigers led 8-7 after the third and managed to keep the lead the rest of the way.

Inge, Guillen and Johnny Damon each had three of Detroit's 17 hits. Brennan Boesch was the only starter without one, but became the first Tigers rookie to walk four times in a game since Steve Boros in 1961.

Detroit's Eddie Bonine (4-0) got the win despite allowing six hits, including a homer, in 2 2-3 innings.

Baltimore's Mark Hendrickson (1-4) allowed three runs in three innings.

Reds 8, Mets 6

In New York, Joey Votto hit two home runs and the Cincinnati Reds took advantage of a rare overturned call by the umpires to beat the New York Mets.

Drew Stubbs and Corky Miller both drove in two runs during a six-run fifth inning, which included everything from a run-scoring triple by rookie pitcher Travis Wood to Mets manager Jerry Manuel getting tossed for arguing with the umpires.

Angel Pagan hit a solo homer and Alex Cora added two RBIs for New York, which answered with five runs in the bottom half of the inning but could not draw level.

Cincinnati's Jordan Smith (2-1) pitched 2 1-3 innings of relief to take the win.

Mets starter Mike Pelfrey (10-3) walked the bases loaded to start the fifth. An inside pitch appeared to graze the Reds' Scott Rolen, who had checked his swing and started toward first base.

Plate umpire Jerry Meals called third strike, indicating a foul tip, even though replays appeared to support Rolen. After a discussions by the umpires, they allowed Rolen to first, bringing home the go-ahead run.

Phillies 3, Braves 1

In Philadelphia, Roy Halladay pitched his major league-best seventh complete game of the season to steer Philadelphia past Atlanta.

Halladay (10-7) struck out seven to record his second straight complete game. The All-Star right-hander outdu-

eled Atlanta's Derek Lowe (9-7) and needed just 93 pitches to finish.

Greg Dobbs hit a two-run homer in the sixth for the Phillies, giving the hosts a 2-1 lead.

Chipper Jones homered for the NL East-leading Braves.

Marlins 6, Dodgers 5

In Los Angeles, Florida scored its first

three runs on a sacrifice fly, a groundout and a throwing error and went on beat Los Angeles.

Marlins starter Nate Robertson (6-6) allowed seven hits in six innings, winning for the first time in three weeks.

Dodgers' starter John Ely (4-6) gave up six runs in 2 2-3 innings — his shortest outing of the season. He gave up four consecutive hits to open the third, including West Helms' two-run single. Robertson's RBI single chased Ely and extended the Marlins' lead to 6-1.

Florida closer Leo Nunez pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 23 chances.

Cubs 9, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Starlin Castro and Geovany Soto drove in two runs each as the Chicago Cubs beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-4 in the National League on Monday.

Cubs starter Tom Gorzelanny (3-5) worked around six walks in five innings to take his first win in seven weeks.

The Cubs roughed up Arizona starter Ian Kennedy (3-7) for four runs the first two innings. Kosuke Fukudome led off the game with a homer, while Alfonzo Soriano notched his 800th career RBI with a solo shot in the eighth.

Adam LaRoche homered and Kelly Johnson had two RBIs for Arizona.

Giants 6, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Aubrey Huff hit a two-run single after another costly error by Milwaukee shortstop Alcides Escobar and San Francisco won comfortably.

Buster Posey added a solo homer in the eighth for the Giants, who won just one of their previous nine.

Milwaukee's Corey Hart extended his hitting streak to 20 games, but the Brewers went 0 for 12 with runners in scoring position.

Kameron Loe (0-1) took his first loss in the majors since 2007.

San Francisco starter Jonathan Sanchez (7-6) took the win despite walking six and throwing three wild pitches.

Ex-Raiders QB Russell arrested on Ala. drug charge

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Former Oakland Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell has been charged with possession of a controlled substance—codeine syrup—after being arrested at his home in Alabama on Monday, authorities said.

The 24-year-old former LSU star and the No. 1 draft choice in 2007 was arrested as part of an undercover narcotics investigation, said Mobile County Sheriff's spokeswoman Lori Myles. She would not say what led to his arrest. She said he did not have a prescription for the codeine.

Russell, who graduated from high school in Mobile, was booked into the city jail and released soon afterward on \$2,500 bond, online records show.

The Raiders released Russell, considered one of the NFL's biggest draft busts, in May after he won only seven of his 25 starts and was benched. He completed just 52.1 percent of his passes in his career with 18 touchdowns, 23 interceptions, 15 lost fum-



In this photo released by Mobile (Ala.) County Sheriff's Office shows JaMarcus Russell on Monday, July 5, 2010 in Mobile, Ala. AP

bles and a passer rating of 65.2.

Oakland paid Russell about \$36.4 million through the 2009 season. Since the start of the common draft in 1967, only one other No. 1 pick was released this quickly in his NFL career. Indianapolis cut 1992 top pick Steve Emtman after three seasons, but that was more because of injuries than production.

Russell and his agent did not immediately return calls for comment.

9 teams entered in Emon Lodge caging



Nine teams will vie for the championship in the Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League, which will finally kick off this Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The list includes Armatech, Oches, Marianas Wireless, Mobil, MBI-Right Guard, Wings Travel, Tropical Laundry, Marianas Resort, and the Sparks. There is still one team that had expressed its interest in joining the league, but has yet to confirm its participation in the inaugural caging.

The Emon Lodge caging will have a single round-robin for-

mat in the regular season with the Top 4 teams advancing to the single-elimination playoffs. Games will be played only every Sunday, starting at 8am.

The league was originally set to start on June 27, but the opening date was reset to give teams more time to complete their uniforms.

League committee chair Bong Malasarte said this time the July 11 kick-off date is final and everything is in order as far as the preparations for the opening ceremony are concerned.

Malasarte added representatives of participating teams must attend a meeting this Friday at 5:30pm at the pavilion at the Civic Community Center

in Susupe for a briefing about the opening rites. He said final details about the opening ceremony, league rules, and other matters concerning the caging will be discussed at the meeting.

Representatives of participating teams are also asked to submit a copy of their rosters, the filled-up waiver forms, and entry fee. The registration fee covers the uniforms, which will be distributed to representatives of teams at the meeting.

For more information about the 2010 Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League, contact Malasarte at 287-5525 or e-mail him at bong@malasarte.com. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

VILLA

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“It’s difficult to compare them but both have shown great finishing qualities,” Germany coach Joachim Loew said.

Villa’s strike partner Fernando Torres has been out of touch and may be left out of Spain’s team, while Thomas Mueller is suspended for Germany, meaning the scoring onus will fall even heavily upon Villa and Klose.

Villa missed the 2008 European Championship final against Germany due to injury but still led that tournament

with four goals. The 28-year-old forward is one goal away from matching Raul Gonzalez’s Spain record of 44 and is looking to cement his place as his country’s greatest striker.

“He’s left-footed, right-footed, technically gifted. He’s almost as complete a player as Lionel Messi,” Klose said, comparing Villa to the Argentina standout. “He’s a player that you have to combat against with a whole team, not just one defender.”

Whereas Villa has scored all but one of Spain’s six goals at this tournament, Klose’s four strikes represent less than a third of Germany’s impressive 13-goal output.

Reina said. “They’ve always scored except for against Serbia, and we have to make sure not to let them get ahead.”

Spain beat Germany 1-0 in the Euro 2008 final with a first-half strike from Torres, and the Spanish have again shown their ability at winning tight games here—taking their past three matches by one goal each.

“We have different players now, while Spain is almost the same,” Germany midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger said, referring to new standouts like Mueller—who has also scored four goals—playmaker Mesut Oezil and defensive midfielder Sami Khedira.

Besides Mueller, Germany could also be without Khedira and central defender Arne Friedrich. Khedira is nursing a left hamstring injury and Friedrich has a right foot problem.

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Boer and Adam Paulo De Romas and nailed another straight set victory, 6-4, 6-3.

In the semifinals, the eventual champions were pitted against the second-seeded Alexander Babaine and James Frawley of Australia and surprisingly had an easier time against their better-seeded foes, as Heo and Hamilton cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 triumph.

Heo and Hamilton then completed their domination of the tournament with a sweep of

Kyrgios and Zedde.

Their doubles victory sort of redeemed Heo from his loss to Zedde in the singles draw of the same tournament.

The 18-year-old CNMI netter was seeded fifth in the main draw of the singles competition and got a bye in the first round. In his first match, he dueled New Zealand’s Jannet Grewal and won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, to advance to the Round of 16.

Next up for Heo was the No. 12 seed Zedde and the CNMI netter lost, 4-6, 2-6. Zedde’s teammate—Kyrgios—eventually won the singles crown after

beating Israel and tournament No. 7 seed Dekel Bar in the finals, 6-3, 6-1.

Before coming to Fiji, Heo competed in an ITF event in New Caledonia and marched into the quarterfinals of the singles draw. He also played in the doubles, won his first game, but lost in the second round. Details of the tournament in New Caledonia were unavailable at press time.

Heo will stay in Fiji for a couple of days for several training sessions there before leaving for Australia this Friday. In the Land Down Under, the CNMI netter will be com-

peting in two ITF events.

The Marianas High School graduate, who missed the Dolphins’ commencement exercise last month as he had to leave early for the series of off-island tournaments, is participating in ITF events as member of the elite team under the Oceanien Pole.

Oceanien Pole, a pilot program of Oceania Tennis Federation, is a four-month junior player development plan consisting of training in New Caledonia with a small elite junior squad, local competition, and participation in eight international tournaments.

CNMI

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Borja said he is happy that Germany is still in contention and he hopes his team will make it all the way to the championship.

“As for which team will win, I’ll stick to my earlier choice, Germany. They have a tough match coming up against Spain in the semifinals, but I think they have what it takes to advance and ultimately bring home the Cup for a fourth time,” Borja said.

Spain and Germany’s semis

tiff is scheduled for July 7, 8:30pm in South Africa or around 4am, July 8 on Saipan. The other semis pairing, Uruguay vs. the Netherlands, was set for July 6, 8:30pm. Germany pulled off a 4-0 upset over Argentina to make it to the semis, while Spain defeated Paraguay 1-0. The Netherlands also stunned five-time champion Brazil, 2-1, to advance against Uruguay, which edged Ghana in controversial quarterfinals game.

Despite the early morning or late midnight broadcast schedule of the World Cup matches, CNMI fans bowed to watch the games either at the comfort

of their homes or in restaurants and hotels.

“We watched majority of World Cup games at Wild Bill’s with friends, mostly from the soccer co-ed league. I intend to watch it live on TV, as it is more fun and exciting. Cheering with the crowd at Wild Bill’s is like cheering in the field of Johannesburg, South Africa,” said Jhie Vallo, who added a Spain-Germany tiff is an ideal finals match-up, but the two nations are up for an early collision in the semis.

Tan Holdings Football Club coach Jerish Angeles wanted to

see the Netherlands duels Germany in the finals. He watched games since the start of the tournament and planned to see the remaining games even if it means staying late at night or waking up early.

“I prefer watching with my friends, it makes it more fun and exciting. I really planned to watch all the games. In fact, I have the complete schedule a month before the World Cup started. After watching the games, I still read the results on the newspaper and Internet and watch the highlights on TV,” Angeles said.

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hind the undefeated Bud Light CNMI Nationals (4-0), while Hoegaarden IT&E is in third place with its 3-1 slate.

After engaging the Ol’Aces in a close match in the first half, Sixsevenoh pulled away in the second half behind Tony Diaz’s fastbreak layups and Ed Diaz and Kelvin Fitial’s 3-pointers.

Tony Diaz, who scored fastbreak layups on outlet passes from his teammates, drilled eight of Sixsevenoh’s first 10 points in the third period, turning a 40-35 lead to a 50-37 advantage.

Ed Diaz had a triple in that 10-2 run and canned two more, while Fitial ended the third period with his fourth trey of the night, giving Sixsevenoh a 65-

52 lead, entering the final canto.

Sixsevenoh managed to pull away despite Marvin Rabauliman’s presence in the third period. Rabauliman missed the first half of the game then scored the Ol’Aces’ first basket in the third canto, but failed to get his rhythm, as he made only two field goals after that.

Ol’Aces played catch-up behind Trevor Ogumoro and Peter Camacho, but could not break the nine-point barrier. When they did after a triple from Ogumoro, 68-75, Ol’Aces lacked time to complete the comeback, as only 2:43 was left in the game.

It did not help Ol’Aces that they missed their three offensive sets after Ogumoro’s triple, while the Diaz brothers canned rally-halting baskets to save the win.

Anthony Diaz exploded for 32 points, while Ed Diaz added 24. Fitial chipped in 17 and extended his range, firing five triples.

In the first game, Hoegaarden IT&E snapped Bacardi Mojito Hi-5’s two-game winning run with the former’s six-point victory.

Darwin Barbo paced Hoegaarden IT&E, nailing 24 markers, including four of the team’s last five points. Edsel Mendoza chipped in 13, including back-to-back baskets in the homestretch. Bruce Berline chipped in 15, as Hoegaarden IT&E’s big men prevailed over Hi-5’s frontliners.

Hoegaarden IT&E led by a hair at the end of the first period, 20-19, but padded the lead, 39-28, at halftime, after limiting Hi-5 to nine points in the second period. Hoegaarden IT&E hung

in there, foiling Hi-5’s repeated comeback bids.

First Game

Hoegaarden IT&E 78 – Barbo 24, Berline 15, Mendoza 13, Aquino 9, Esdreton 7, Talaria 3, Capalad 2.

Bacardi Hi-5 72 – Sablan 19, Bernardo 17, Abuel 12, Lerio 7, Santos 4, Moises 4, Opone 4, Demapan 3, Capalad 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-19, 39-28, 58-48, 78-72.

Second Game

Becks Sixsevenoh 84 – A. Diaz 32, E. Diaz 24, Fitial 17, Ruloked 5, Z. Diaz 4.

Ol’Aces 74 – Ogumoro 22, Camacho 14, Coldeen 11, Iginof 10, Van Buren 7, Rabauliman 6, Lisua 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-17, 40-35, 65-52, 84-74.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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New York	51	31	.622	—
Tampa Bay	49	33	.598	2
Boston	49	34	.590	2 1/2
Toronto	41	42	.494	10 1/2
Baltimore	25	57	.305	26
Central Division				
Detroit	44	37	.543	—
Minnesota	44	38	.537	1/2
Chicago	43	38	.531	1
Kansas City	37	46	.446	8
Cleveland	33	49	.402	11 1/2
West Division				
Texas	48	34	.585	—
Los Angeles	46	39	.541	3 1/2
Oakland	41	43	.488	8
Seattle	34	48	.415	14
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	48	35	.578	—
New York	46	37	.554	2
Philadelphia	43	38	.531	4
Florida	39	43	.476	8 1/2
Washington	36	47	.434	12
Central Division				
Cincinnati	48	36	.571	—
St. Louis	45	37	.549	2
Milwaukee	37	46	.446	10 1/2
Chicago	36	47	.434	11 1/2
Houston	32	51	.386	15 1/2
West Division				
San Diego	49	33	.598	—
Los Angeles	45	37	.549	4
Colorado	44	38	.537	5
San Francisco	42	40	.512	7
Arizona	32	51	.386	17 1/2
Yesterday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 9, Arizona 4				
San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 1				
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1				
Cincinnati 8, N.Y. Mets 6				
Florida 6, L.A. Dodgers 5				
Detroit 12, Baltimore 9				
Chicago White Sox 9, L.A. Angels 2				
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 5				
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CNMI Nationals	4	0		
Becks Sixsevenoh	4	1		
Hoegaarden IT&E	3	1		
Ol'Aces	2	2		
Bacardi Hi-5	2	2		
Runnin' Rebels	1	2		
Budweiser Saints	0	2		
Michelob Sixers	0	3		
Bud Ice Rollers	0	4		

SEDA crowns Bud Light tourney champs

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Seven teams were recently hailed champions of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's Bud Light Dart League 2010 Winter/Spring season.

Oleai Snipers topped the WS10 Masters League. The Snipers are made up of Mhel Apacible, Willy Cuesta, Danny Lumahan, Christine Madreo, George Medina, Noel Saluta, and Pam Ybanez.

The Black Stallions from D' Pirates Sports Bar took second, the Angry Dragons from Veteran of Foreign Wars Post-3457 placed third, and the Tijuana Wahoo Destroyers from Tijuana Mexican Restaurant rounded out the fourth spot.

In the WS10 A-League, Flying Dartsmen took the prize. The team is made up of Julian Camacho, Sebastian De Leon Guerrero, Jayson John, Hans Pua, Frank Rosario Jr., Jay C. Sablan, and Patrick Taitano. Bar Gaia's Punishers finished right behind Flying Dartsmen, followed by Tijuana A-Destroyers and Naked Fish Boyz.

In the WS10 Tuesday B League, Wild Bill's Bar and Grill's Naughty Boyz made up of John Cabrera, Leo Cabrera, Ray Cabrera, Eddie Iglesias, Jarvin Mendiola, Justin Mizutani, Ferdy Ngirmekur, and Cedrid Palacios claimed first place.

Finishing second was Johnny's Walastic from Johnny's Bar and Grill, with D' Pirate's-B Destroyers coming in third.

In the WS10 Thursday Fanihi B Division, the same team roster listed above as the "Tuesday B" League champs, with Alex Villazon in place of Palacios, made up Sande Sports Bar and Grill's Naughty Boyz.

Virtually the same group of players reigned supreme in both the Tuesday and Thursday Leagues. The CK



Gov't dart league set to start

The 2010 Bud Light Lime Inter-Government Dart League is now accepting sign ups for its second season.

Deadline for submission of sign-up forms and payment is July 16, 2010.

Teams may be made up of personnel from current government offices and departments, retirees, federal employees, and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Membership fees for Saipan Electronic Darts Association members are only \$10; non-SEDA players must pay a \$25 submission fee.

League matches will commence on July 30 and each team must have a minimum of four players with a maximum roster of eight.

The tournament ground rules will follow SEDA laws and rules and matches will be held every Friday

night per the posted schedule.

As of this time, eight teams have already signed up and they are the following: Hopwood-PSS All-In, Saipan Southern High-PSS South Side, Department of Public Works-Trouble Shooters, a CUC team, Customs Sand Baggers, Department of Public Safety Enforcers, Northern Marianas College-Proa, and a team diversely made up of the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, and Coastal Resource Management.

For more information on the Bud Light Lime Second Inter-Government Dart League, contact Warlee Ellama at 233-4397 or 285-5967. *(Walter Sutherland)*

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Sande Sports Bar and Grill's Naughty Boyz topped the WS10 Thursday Fanihi B Division of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's Bud Light Dart League 2010 Winter/Spring season.

Destroyers from Tijuana Mexican Restaurant took second and the Flair Bar's Salut Balut came in third.

In the WS10 Thursday Flame Tree Division, the Pu3ska Brothers made up of Jun Agbuya, Willy Apresto, Patrick Castro, Jojo Guilas, Luis Ramos, Rex Vea, and Froilan Viray

from the DPSB finished out in first place with Trouble Shooters from Johnny's Bar and Grill and Bar Gaia's Gaia Gaiana B placing second and third, respectively.

In the WS10 Kingfisher C-Division, Snicker N Tuna's Snicker's Barracuda made of Ray Cepeda, Tito Laniyo, Bill Limes, Lee Roy Limes, Eric Palacios, Benji Tagabuel, and Patrick Tenorio topped the final standings. D' Pirate's Shootz came in second and D' Pirate's Lucky Shots was third.

Finally in the WS10 Chichirika C-Division, the Black Pearls from DPSB made up of Diony Camacho, Janice Camacho, Jay C. Sablan, Pedro Teregeyo, and David Terlaje finished atop the final standings. Sang and the Gang came in second and VFW-One Shot was third.

The Bud Light Dart League Winter/Spring 2010 awards banquet is scheduled for 11am on Sunday, July 18, at Charley's Cabaret at Pacific Islands Club saipan.

Notably, former A-Division players Jayson John and Jun Baltazar were recently promoted into the Masters division.

Former B-Division players Leo Cabrera, Raffay David, Romy Intendez, Mario Jumalon, Cedric Palacios, Wilson Quiban, and Luius Ramos were all promoted into the A-Division. Twenty-two other players, including two from all the way down in the D-Division, were also recently promoted into the B-Division.

For more information contact SEDA acting League Secretary, Warlee Ellama, at 233-4397 or email leagues@saipangames.com.

Fil-Taga July Ace this Sunday



Fil-Taga Golfers Association will hold its July Ace of the Month Tournament on July 18 at the Marianas Country Club.

Show time for the tourney is scheduled for 11am with tee off set to begin at 11:30am.

All the attested score cards should be given to Larry Pascual after the July Ace.

In addition, membership dues for the second half of the year are due this month. Payment should be given to tournament director Mando Guban.

In other news, Fil-Taga president Ted Malaran wants to hold the club's

Turkey Shoot Tournament and the November Ace of the Month in early November. It will be preceded by an awards banquet and trophy presentations to all 2009 Ace winners and the 2009 Golfer of the Year.

Established in 1993, Fil-Taga's tournaments operate under a computer-controlled handicap system that creates parity among players in the A and B Flights.

A Fil-Taga Ace of the Month champion is crowned monthly. Regular tournaments are scheduled once a month, normally every third Sunday. Green fees are in the \$35 to \$40 price range for most tournaments. *(Walter Sutherland)*

QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup next month



QQ Car Rental would like to invite all local basketball enthusiasts to join the first-ever QQ Car Rental Basketball

Cup 2010 set for August.

The competition is open to all participants age 21-and-over and one of the primary purposes of the league is to improve the community by refurbishing the Garapan Basketball Court.

QQ Car Rental wants the basketball court to have a new state-of-the-art basketball shot clock and set the groundwork for future instructive youth basketball clinics.

Additionally, a \$2,000 cash prize, awards, and trophies will be presented to the champion team.

As of now, four teams are already confirmed for the event out of a predetermined 12-team limit. Additional teams will be registered on a first pay basis. The entrance fee is \$400, which is exclusive of the team uniforms.

All interested parties can either e-mail qqcarrentalcup@yahoo.com, Rey Perez at perezhr21@yahoo.com or call Perez at 989-8759, or ask for Marlon at 878-8173. *(Walter Sutherland)*



ROSELYN B. MONROY

The inaugural QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup will kick off next month and the competition is open to players 21 years old and above.

NMASA June meeting set Thursday



Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association will hold its monthly membership meeting starting at 7pm

Thursday, July 8, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

NMASA president Michael White said aside from the usual election of the previous month's top athletes and students athletes, final arrangements for the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau will also be discussed.

The 2010 Micro Games is scheduled from Aug. 1 to 10, 2010 and aside from the CNMI, other Micronesian island-nations expected to participate in the seventh staging of the quadrennial meet are Guam, Yap,

Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands.

They will compete in 15 disciplines, namely baseball, lawn tennis, swimming, triathlon, athletics, basketball, Micro All-Around, outrigger canoe, spear-fishing, fast-pitch softball, table tennis, weightlifting, beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, and wrestling.

Like in previous monthly meetings, NMASA will also vote for the best athletes for last month (June) in four categories (male, female, male student, and female student).

White also reminded associations that will be nominating their athletes to submit written nominations in multiple copies to be distributed to members during the meeting. *(Saipan Tribune)*



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Heo wins doubles title in Fiji

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CNMI's Ji Hoon Heo teamed up with New Zealand's Alex Hamilton in clinching the doubles championship in the 2010 Air Pacific South Pacific Open Junior Championships last Sunday in Lautoka, Fiji.

Heo and Hamilton, who were seeded fourth in the six-day tournament, bested 23 other pairs from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Japan, Israel, Hong Kong, the Cook Islands, and France.

The CNMI bet, who left Saipan early last month to join a series of summer tournaments in New Caledonia, Fiji, and Australia, and the Kiwi netter won the doubles title after stunning the third-seeded Australian pair of Nick Kyrgios and Andrew Zedde in the finals, 6-4, 6-4.

Heo and Hamilton drew a bye in the first round and then debuted in the tournament with a straight set win over New Zealand's Sam Matheson and Sam Shearer, 6-3, 6-2. In the quarter-finals, Heo and Hamilton went up against Australia's Rory De

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Ji Hoon Heo, seen here in action in a local tournament in April this year, won a doubles tournament in Fiji last Sunday.

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Sixsevenoh, Hoegaarden IT&E top foes

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Becks Sixsevenoh and Hoegaarden IT&E remained on the top half of the team standings in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League, following their separate wins on Monday night at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

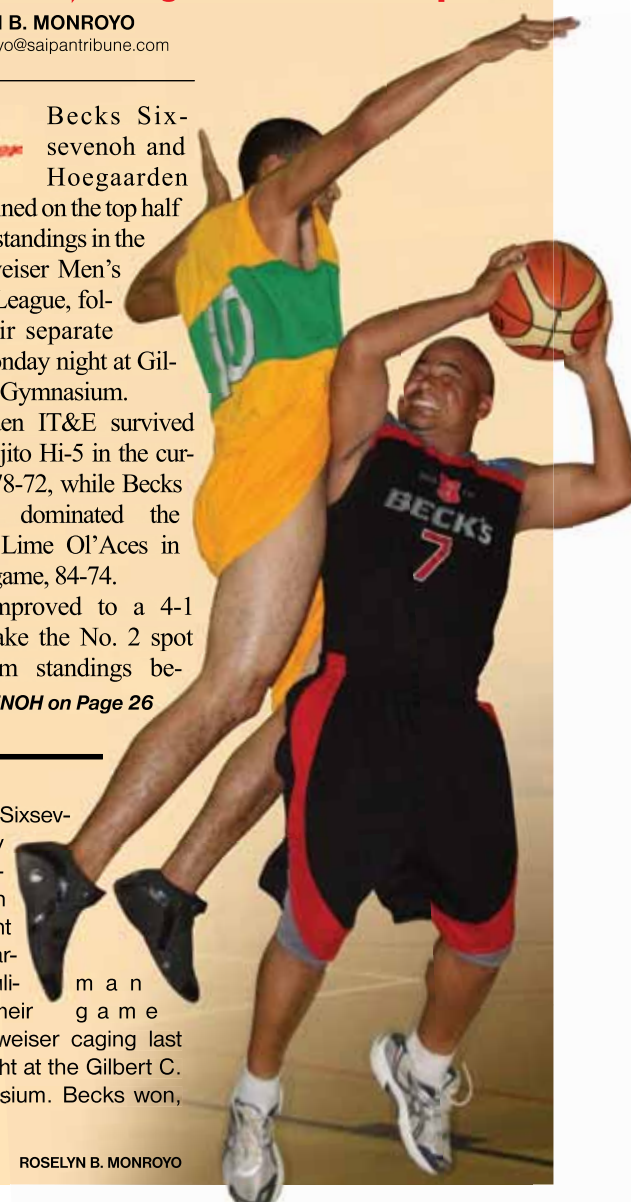
Hoegaarden IT&E survived Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 in the curtain-raiser, 78-72, while Becks Sixsevenoh dominated the Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces in the second game, 84-74.

Becks improved to a 4-1 record to take the No. 2 spot in the team standings be-

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Becks Sixsevenoh's Tony Diaz, collides with Bud Light Lime's Marvin Rabauli during their game in the Budweiser caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Becks won, 84-74.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Villa vs Klose highlights Spain-Germany semifinal

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—

The World Cup's two most impressive strikers—David Villa and Miroslav Klose—will go head-to-head when European champion Spain meets three-time winner Germany in the semifinals Wednesday.

Villa leads the scoring chart with five goals in five games for Spain, while Klose has hit the target four times for Germany and needs only one more goal to pull even with former Brazil forward Ronaldo as the top World Cup scorer of all time with 15 goals.

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Germany striker Miroslav Klose smiles during a news conference of the German national soccer team in Erasmus near Pretoria, South Africa, Sunday, July 4, 2010.

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CNMI football fans catching World Cup fever

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After getting used to having no cable connection for three years, Greg Borja's family decided to have one just to watch action in the 2010 FIFA World Cup unfolds.

"My wife had me reconnect our cable after going without it for almost three years, so we can watch the games at home," said Borja, who is one of the many CNMI football fans glued on TV to witness the thrilling games in this summer's biggest sports event.

"I do stay up until 9pm or midnight to watch the matches, and I set the alarm to wake up early for the 4am games. Our kids usually join us around 6am to watch the end of those early matches. I've only had to check the scores online on one occasion, due to station programming issues," the Independents coach added.

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World Cup fans in the CNMI join the Liberation Day Parade last Sunday. The World Cup fever in the CNMI intensifies, as the tournament enters its semifinal round.

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